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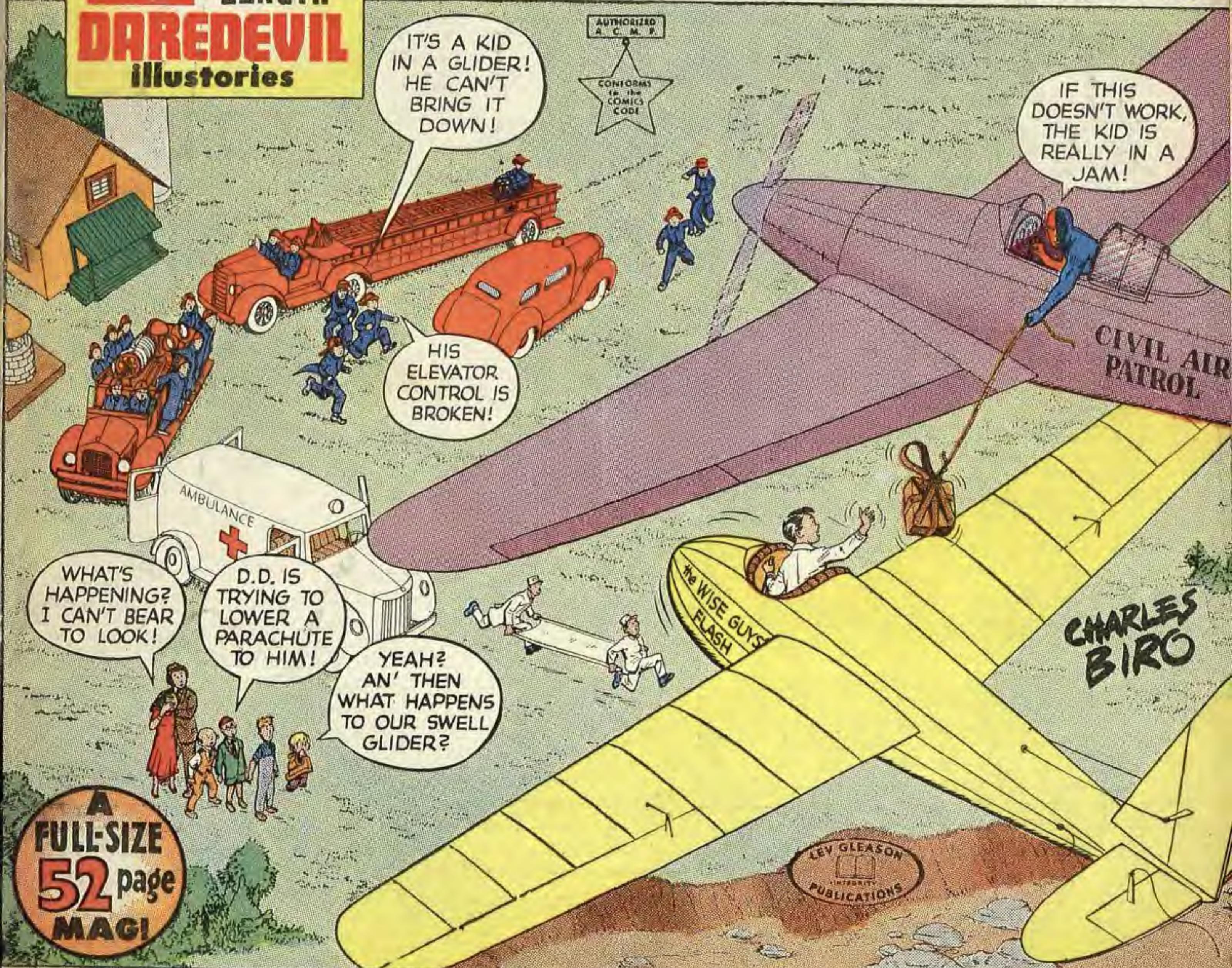
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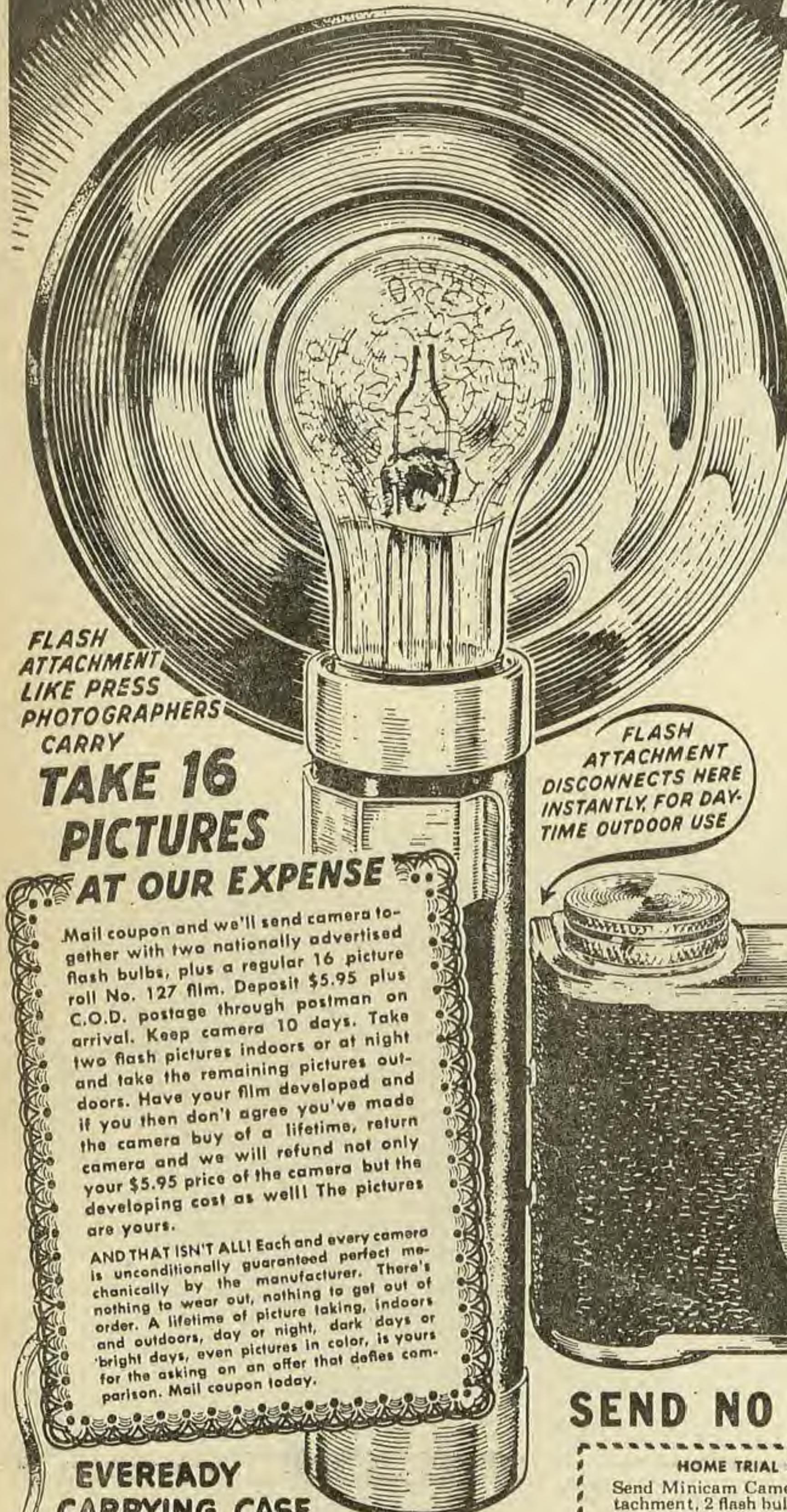


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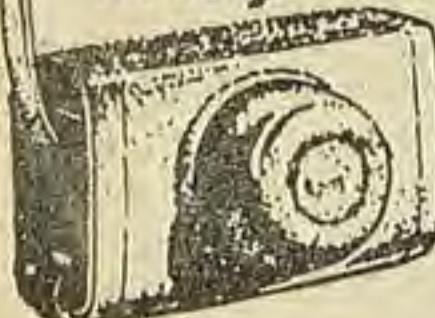
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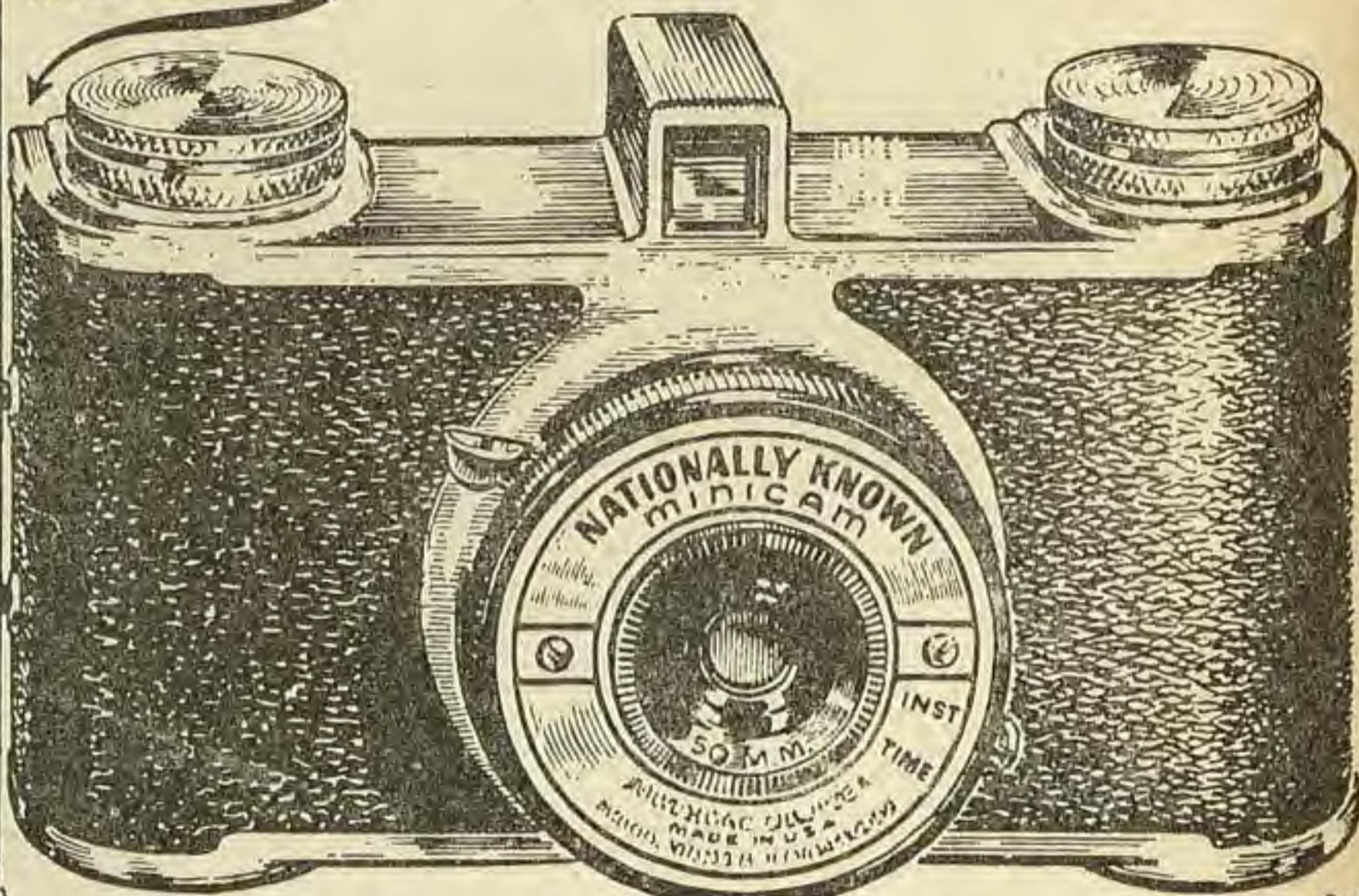
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# DAREDEVIL

and the LITTLE WISE GUYS

Story by  
**CHARLES BIRO**

OH...  
SCARECROW!!  
I THOUGHT YOU  
COULD FLY!

OMIGOSH!  
HE'S GOING  
TO CRASH!

THERE  
GOES OUR  
GLIDER!

GULP!

HERE ARE FEW EMOTIONS THAT CAN TEAR YOUR HEART-STRINGS SO PAINFULLY AS BEING UNJUSTLY ACCUSED OF A MISDEED BY SOMEONE YOU LOVE! THERE ARE TIMES WHEN EVEN A WELL-WISHING PERSON IS TOO READY TO ACCUSE AND TOO SLOW TO APOLOGIZE WHEN PROVEN WRONG! MANY A HEARTACHE COULD BE SPARED IF SOME OF US WERE AS WILLING TO GATHER FACTS AS WE ARE TO CONDEMN, AS ILLUSTRATED BY THE WISE GUYS IN THIS STORY!

DRAWN BY

**NORMAN MAURER**

HI THERE, WISE GUYS! WHAT'S EATING YOU BOYS? YOU LOOK LIKE THE LAST ROSE OF SUMMER!

HIYA, DAREDEVIL! IT'S JUST THAT THINGS ARE DULL! THE BASKETBALL SEASON'S OVER, AND IT'S STILL TOO EARLY TO START BASEBALL!

THAT'S NO EXCUSE FOR JUST WASTING TIME, CURLY! IF YOU GUYS CAN FIND TIME TO WHITTLE, WHY DON'T YOU WHITTLE SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE? YOU COULD BE BUILDING MODEL PLANES, OR BOATS AND STUFF!

HEY!  
THAT'S A SWELL IDEA!

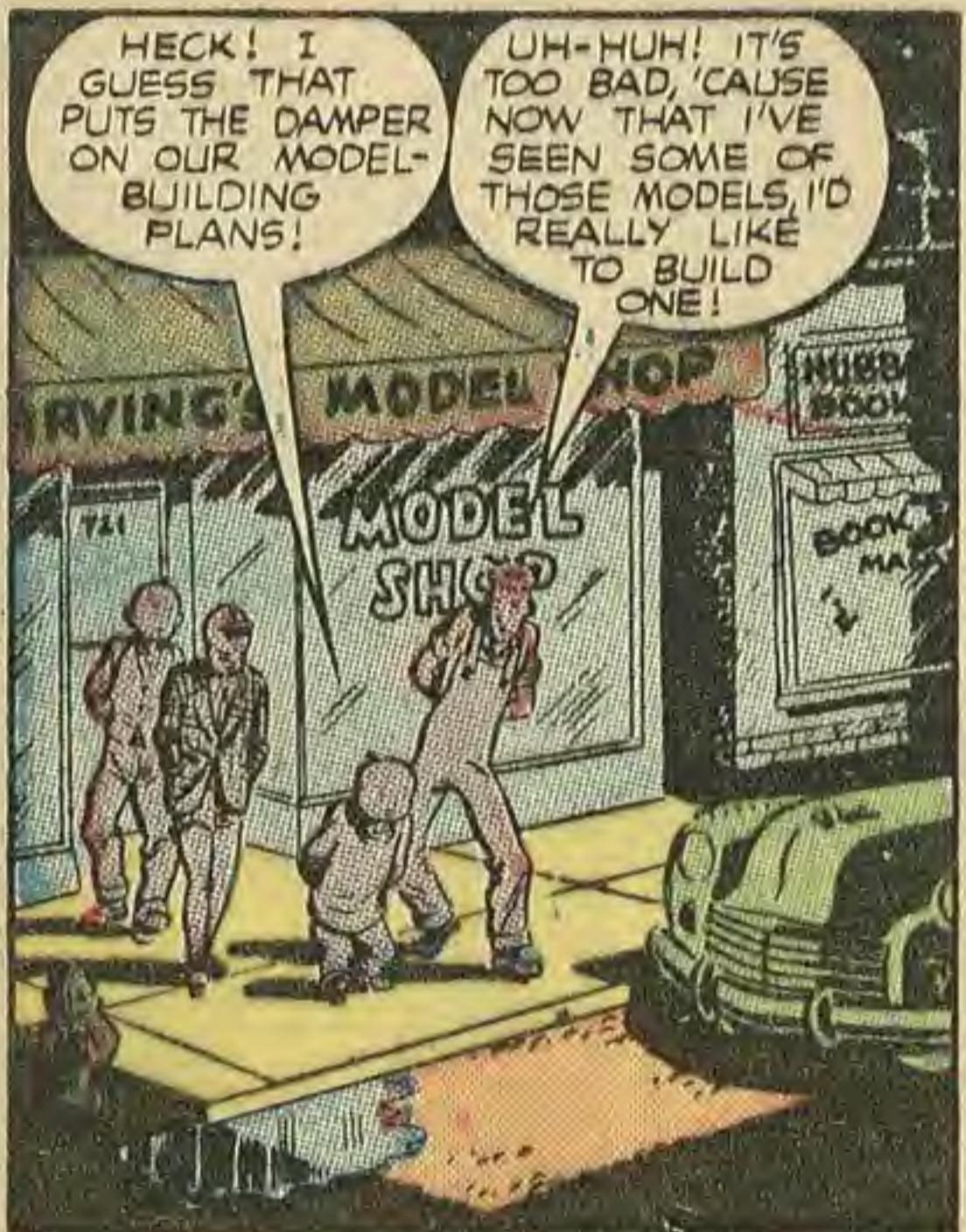
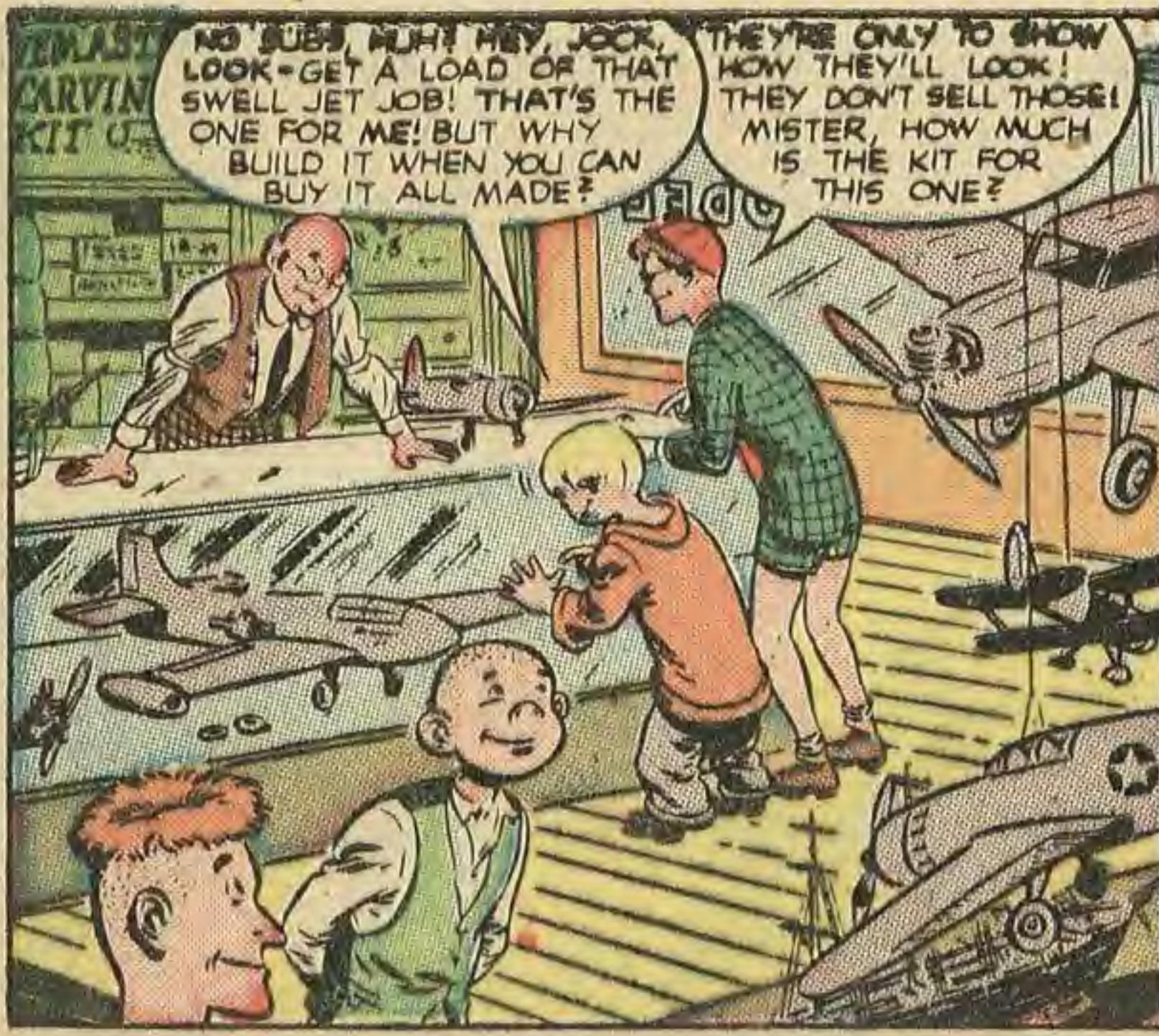
OH, BOY—  
I'D LIKE TO MAKE A BOAT-A THREE MASTED MAN O'WAR!

HOW ABOUT A MODEL JET PLANE?

THAT SOUNDS MORE LIKE IT!

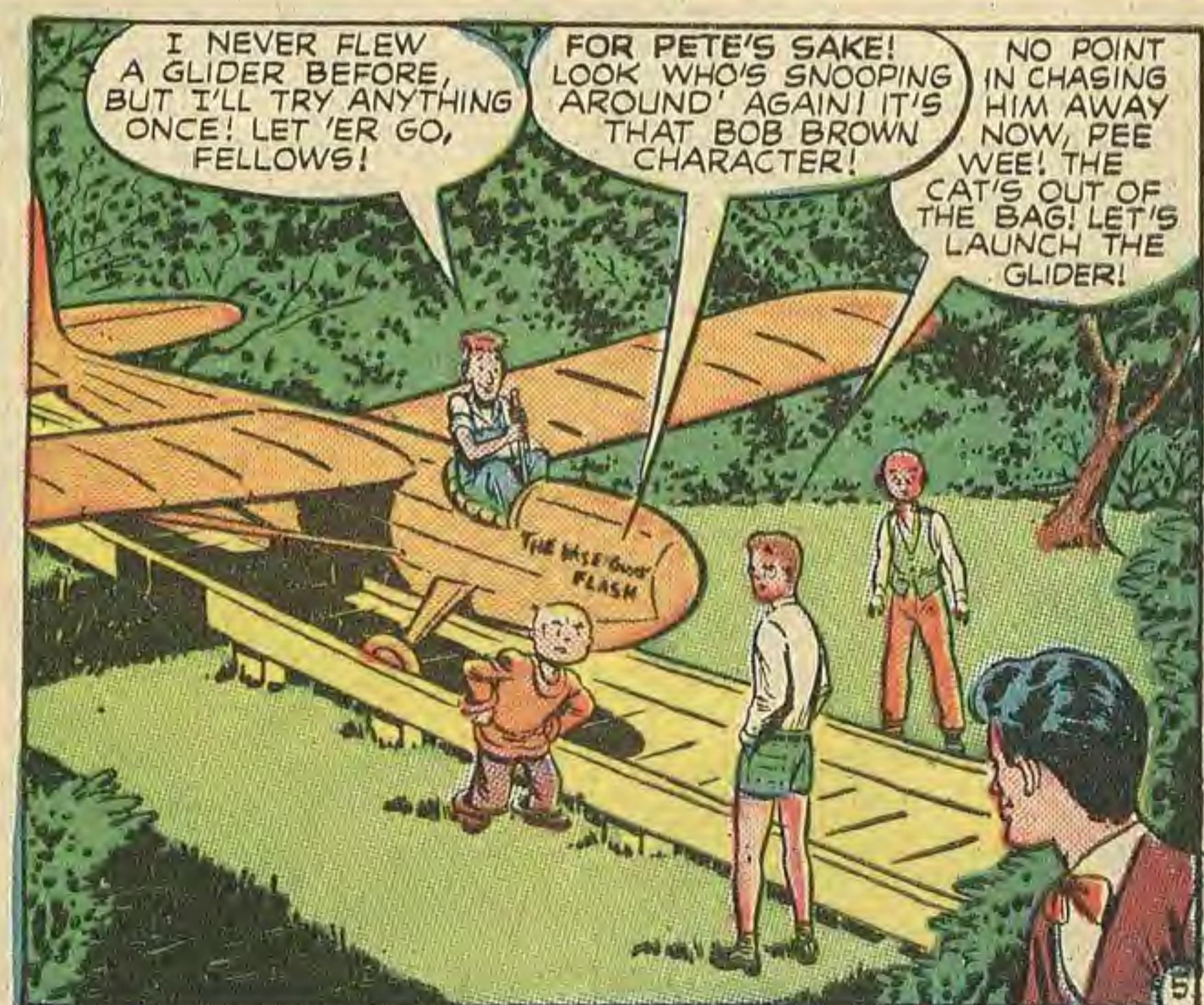
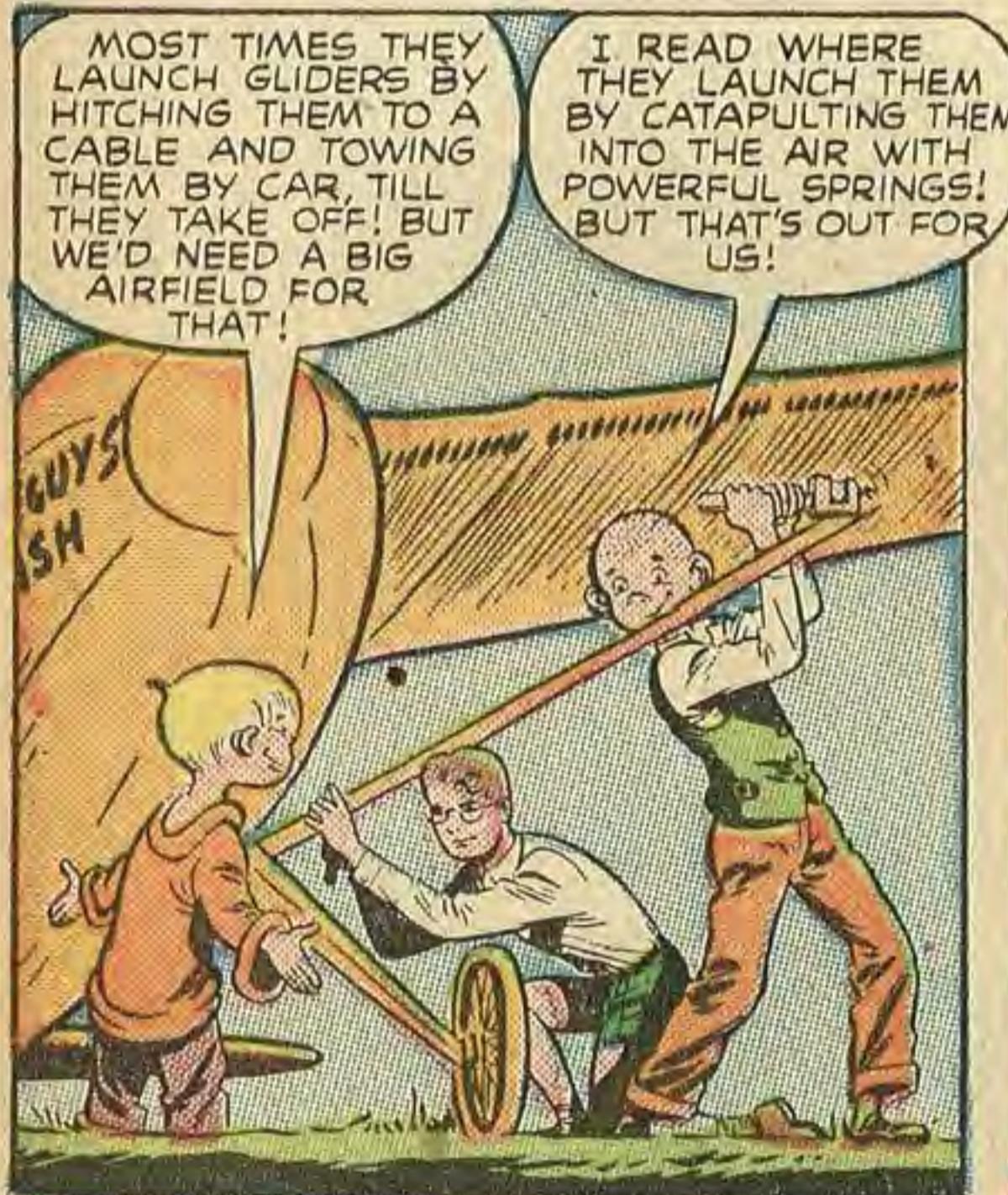
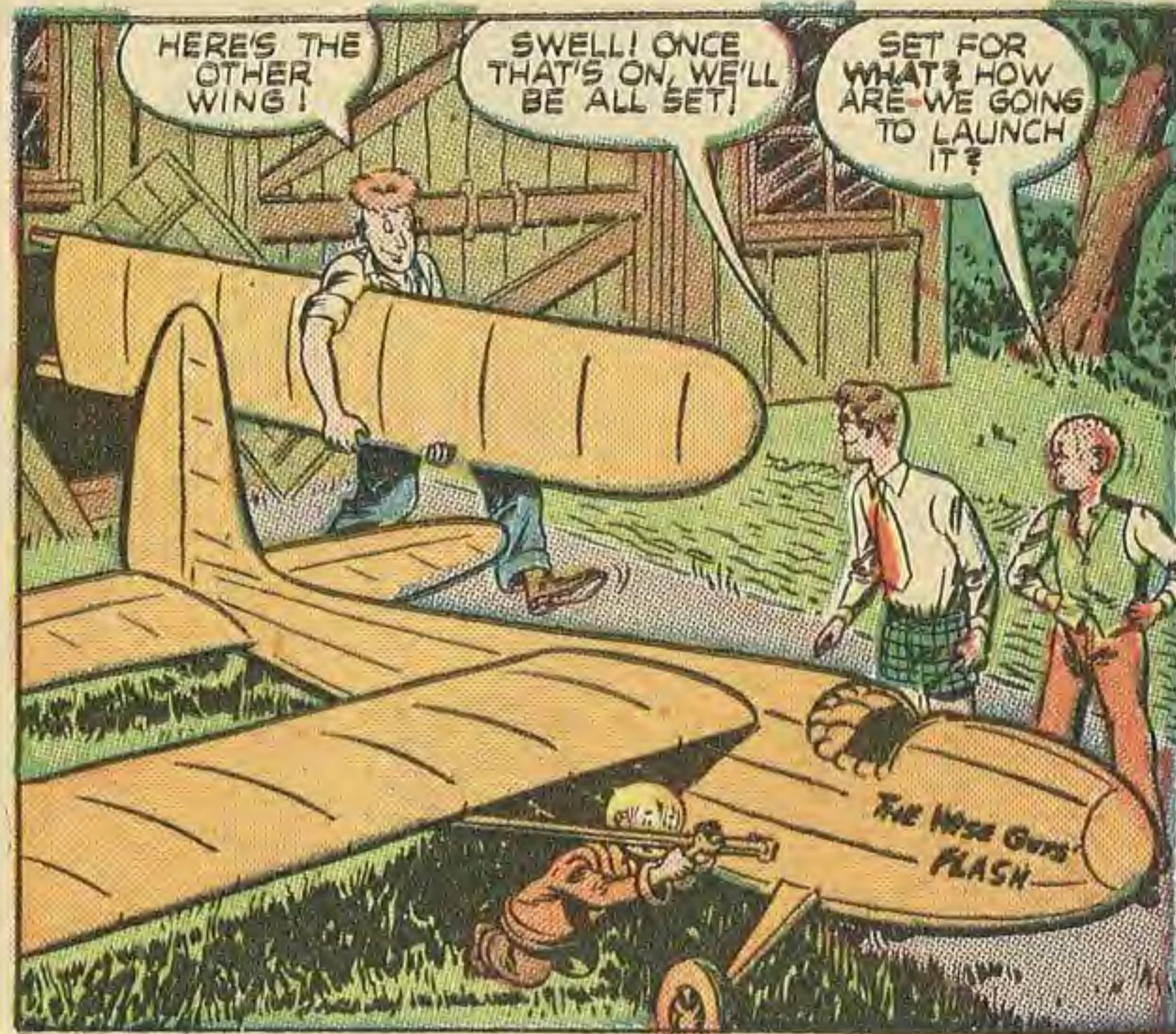
ME FOR A SUBMARINE—ONE THAT WORKS!

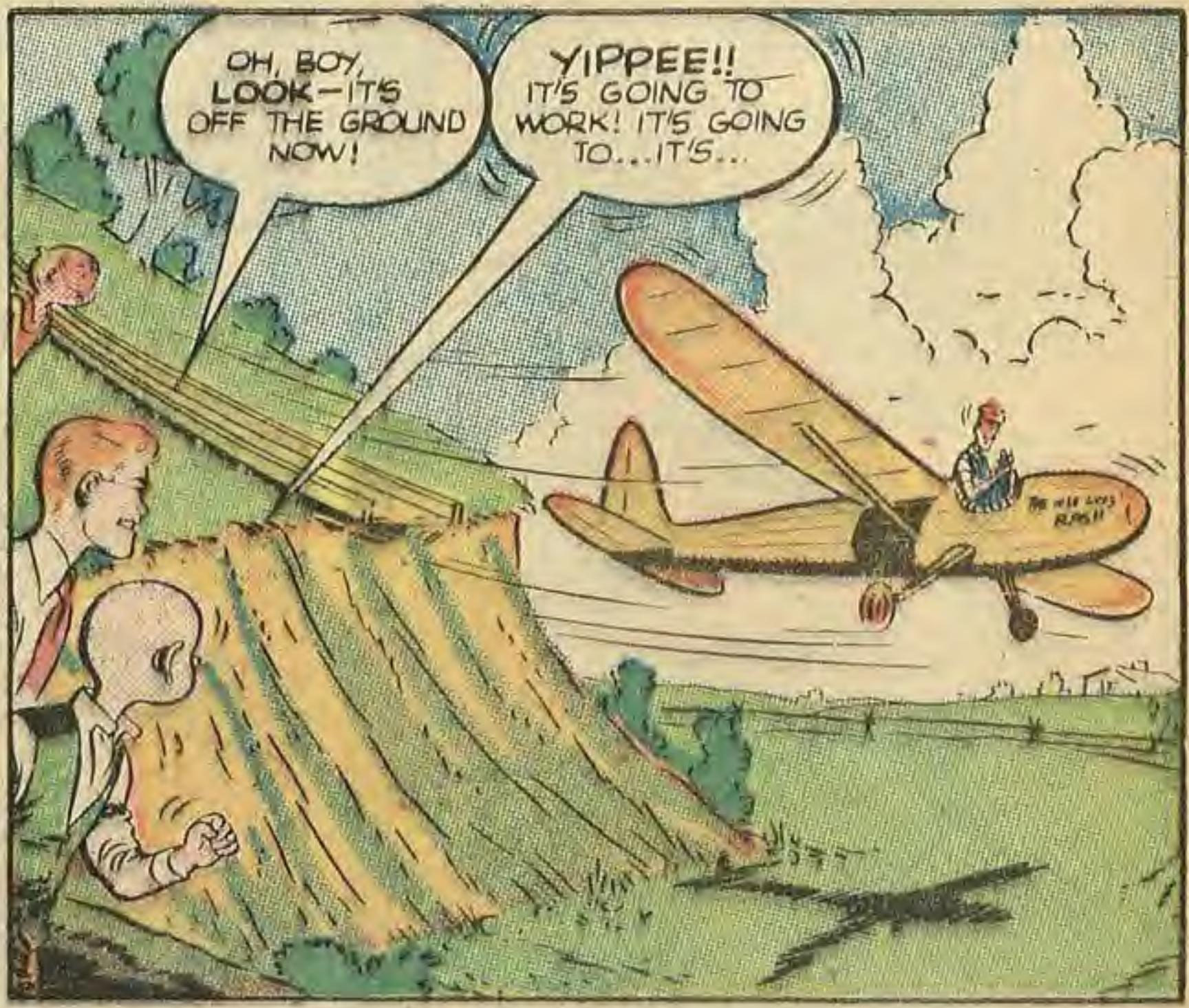












WHY, SURE-FIRST OF ALL, THE WINGS' ANGLE OF INCIDENCE WAS TOO GREAT! THEN YOUR VERTICAL STABILIZER IS OFF CAMBER BY AT LEAST TEN DEGREES-NOT TO MENTION A FEW OTHER THINGS, LIKE NO ELEVATOR CONTROL!

OTHERWISE, IT'S A NEAT JOB! YOU SURE HAVE A LOT OF NERVE! EVEN IF IT WAS A GOOD SHIP YOU'D BE RISKING YOUR LIVES!

LISTEN TO HIM TALK! DOES HE KNOW WHAT HE'S SAYING?

I THINK HE DOES, PEE WEE! REMEMBER, HE'S BEEN STUDYING AERO-DYNAMICS, SO HE'D UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT IT THAN WE DO! TELL ME, BOB, DO YOU THINK WE CAN EVER GET IT TO WORK?



SURE! IT'S NOT TOO BADLY SMASHED UP! ALL WE'D HAVE TO DO IS FIX IT ALL UP AND MAKE A FEW CHANGES, AND I'LL BET IT WOULD FLY LIKE A BREEZE! WE COULD DO IT IN TWO WEEKS IF WE COULD GET A COUPLE OF SPECIAL PARTS!

WHERE DO YOU GET THAT "WE" STUFF? WE DIDN'T ASK YOU TO HELP US!

TAKE IT EASY, PEE WEE! BOB KNOWS HIS STUFF! I THINK IT WOULD BE SWELL IF HE'D HELP US!

NOW LISTEN-THERE'S JUST ONE PROVISION-IF YOU WANT TO COME IN ON THIS GLIDER DEAL WITH US-IT'S STRICTLY A SECRET! YOU MUSTN'T TELL ANYONE, UNDERSTAND?



ABSOLUTELY! MUM'S THE WORD! I PROMISE! NOW I'D BETTER BEAT IT! I PROMISED MY MOTHER I'D GET HOME EARLY TODAY! SO LONG, FELLOWS-SEE YOU TOMORROW!

BOBBY, IS THAT YOU? WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ALL AFTERNOON? YOU PROMISED TO GO TO THE STORE FOR ME!

I'LL GO NOW, MOM! I WAS OUT...ER... ROAMING AROUND!

HERE'S THE LIST OF THINGS I WANT! NOW LET ME GET YOU THE MONEY!







BOBBY, I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HOME! I NEED YOU TO RUN AN ERRAND FOR ME! I JUST REMEMBERED THAT I PROMISED MRS. STONE I'D CONTRIBUTE TWO DOLLARS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHARITY FUND AND TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF THE CAMPAIGN!

WOULD YOU BE A GOOD BOY AND TAKE IT TO HER NOW? BOBBY—WHAT ARE YOU DREAMING ABOUT? I DON'T BELIEVE YOU HEARD A WORD I SAID!

HUH?..OH, SURE I DID—TAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO MRS. STONE!

I'LL GIVE YOU THE...  
...F??  
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BOBBY! I GUESS YOU WON'T HAVE TO RUN THAT ERRAND FOR ME AFTER ALL! THAT IS, UNLESS YOU PUT THE MONEY BACK SO I CAN GIVE IT TO MRS. STONE!

HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



YOU CAN'T REALLY THINK I TOOK IT! YOU MUST BE JOKING, MOTHER!

OH, BOB, HOW CAN YOU STAND THERE, AND PRETEND TO BE INNOCENT? ADMIT IT, AND I'LL FORGIVE YOU, BUT DON'T LIE AS WELL AS STEAL!



ON MY LIFE, MOM, I SWEAR I DIDN'T TOUCH IT!

GO TO YOUR ROOM, SON! I'LL LET YOUR FATHER HANDLE THIS WHEN HE COMES HOME!



WHAT MAKES ME REALLY FLIRIOUS IS HIS REFUSING TO ADMIT TAKING IT! OH, JOHN—it's TERRIBLE! NO ONE ELSE COULD HAVE TAKEN IT! IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT HE COULDN'T RESIST TEMPTATION...BUT TO LIE ON TOP OF IT!

I'LL SPEAK TO HIM, LOUISE!



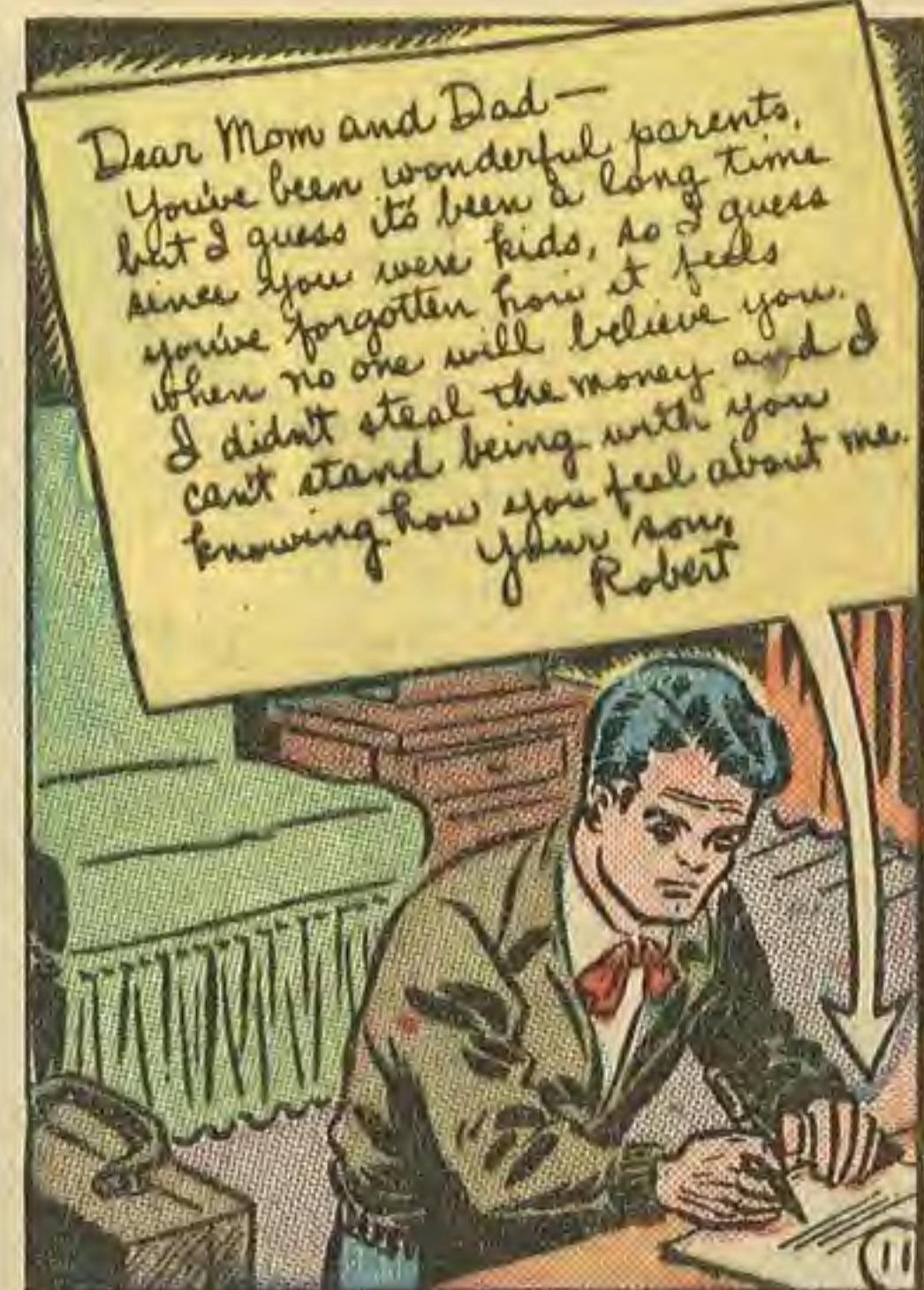
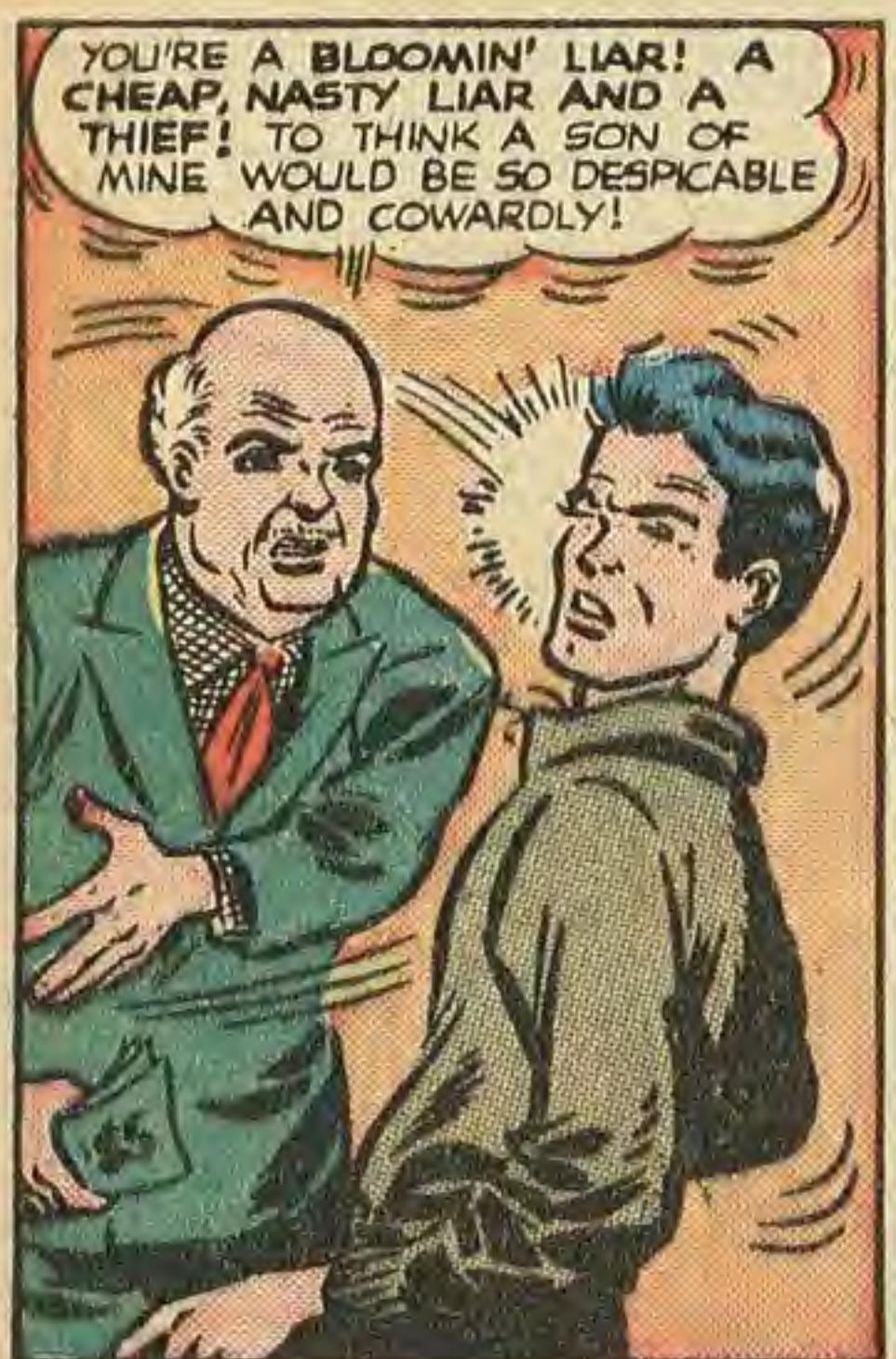
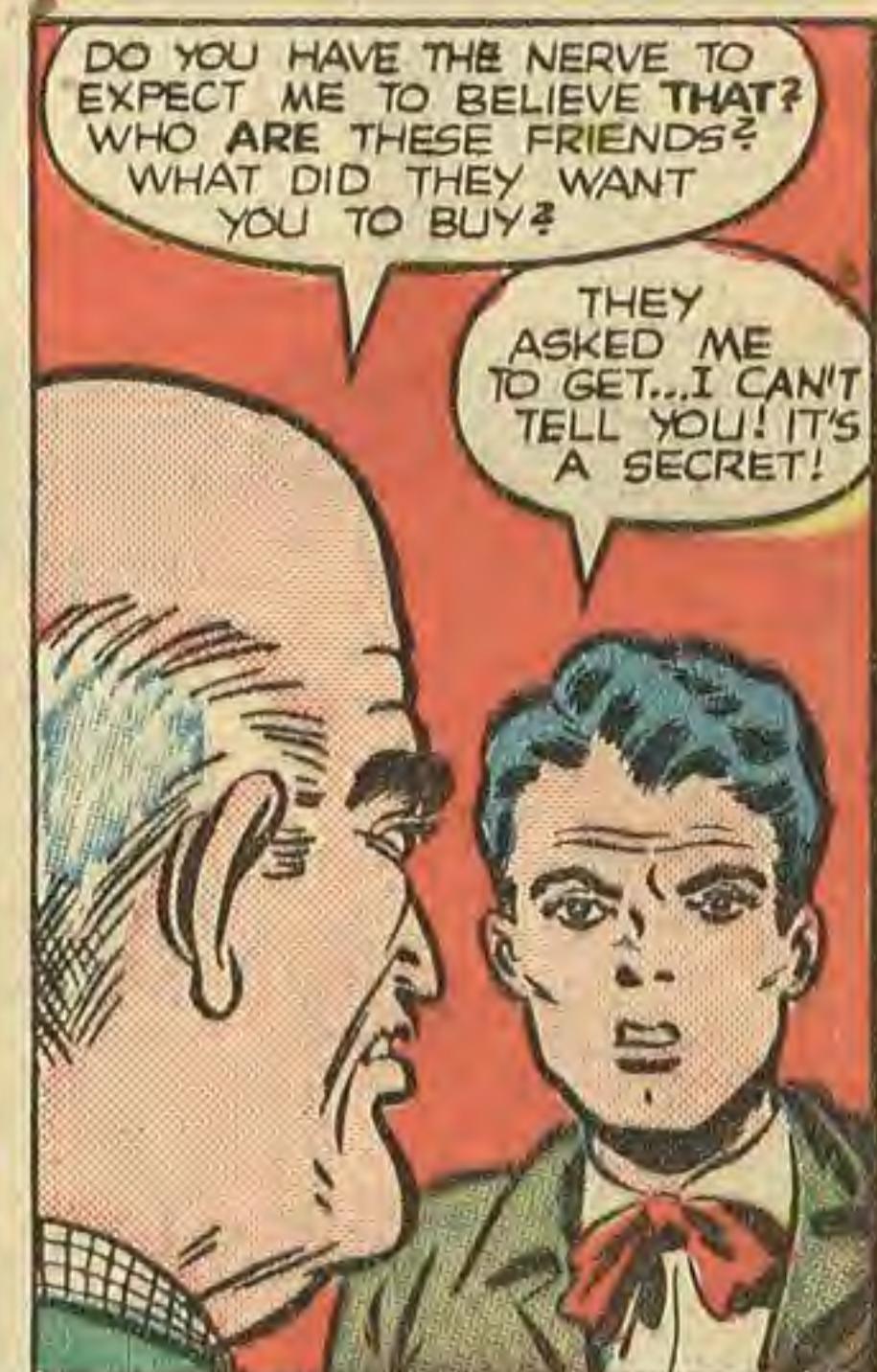
BOBBY—YOUR MOTHER JUST TOLD ME ABOUT THE MONEY! IT WAS WRONG FOR YOU TO TAKE IT, BUT WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES! MAYBE IT'S GOOD THAT WE CAUGHT YOU EARLY! SO WHY NOT BE A MAN AND ADMIT THAT YOU DID IT?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SCARED! WE WON'T PUNISH YOU! JUST TELL ME WHY YOU TOOK IT AND GIVE IT BACK AND WE'LL WIPE THE SLATE CLEAN!

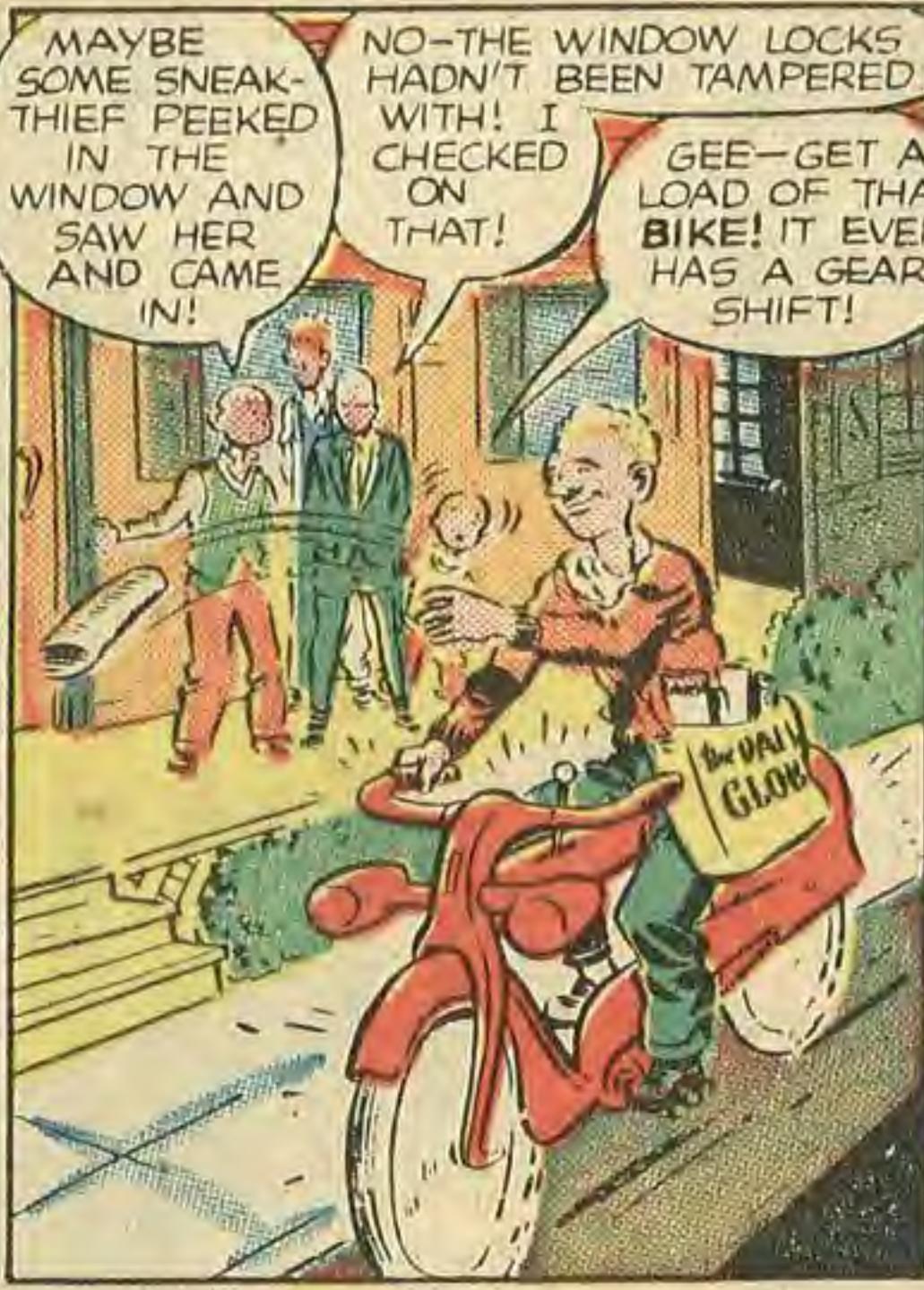
I DIDN'T TAKE IT! I HAVEN'T GOT THE DARN OLD MONEY!

BOBBY! YOU'RE CARRYING THIS TOO FAR! SINCE YOU REFUSE TO CO-OPERATE, I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LET ME SEARCH YOU!

GO AHEAD—SEARCH!







THE NEWSBOY? YES, HE DID COME TO COLLECT ON MONDAY! I ASKED HIM IN, AND...OH, DEAR! WHY DIDN'T I REMEMBER BEFORE? I TOOK THE MONEY FROM THE JAR, AND WHILE HE WAS MAKING CHANGE, I SMELLED SOMETHING BURNING AND LEFT THE ROOM!

HE SAW WHERE I KEPT THE MONEY, AND HE WAS ALONE IN THE ROOM, SO THAT HE COULD EASILY HAVE TAKEN IT WITHOUT MY KNOWLEDGE! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THAT BEFORE I ACCUSED BOBBY! BUT HOW CAN WE PROVE THAT HE IS THE REAL THIEF?

THIS IS THE BIG DAY, BOB! IF OUR PLAN WORKS WE'LL CATCH THE REAL CROOK! WE KNOW HE'S GUILTY BECAUSE THINGS HAVE BEEN MISSING FROM THE HOMES OF OTHER CUSTOMERS, TOO!

I HOPE YOU CATCH HIM, AND I HOPE I'LL HAVE THE GLIDER WORKING BY THEN TO PARTLY REPAY YOU!



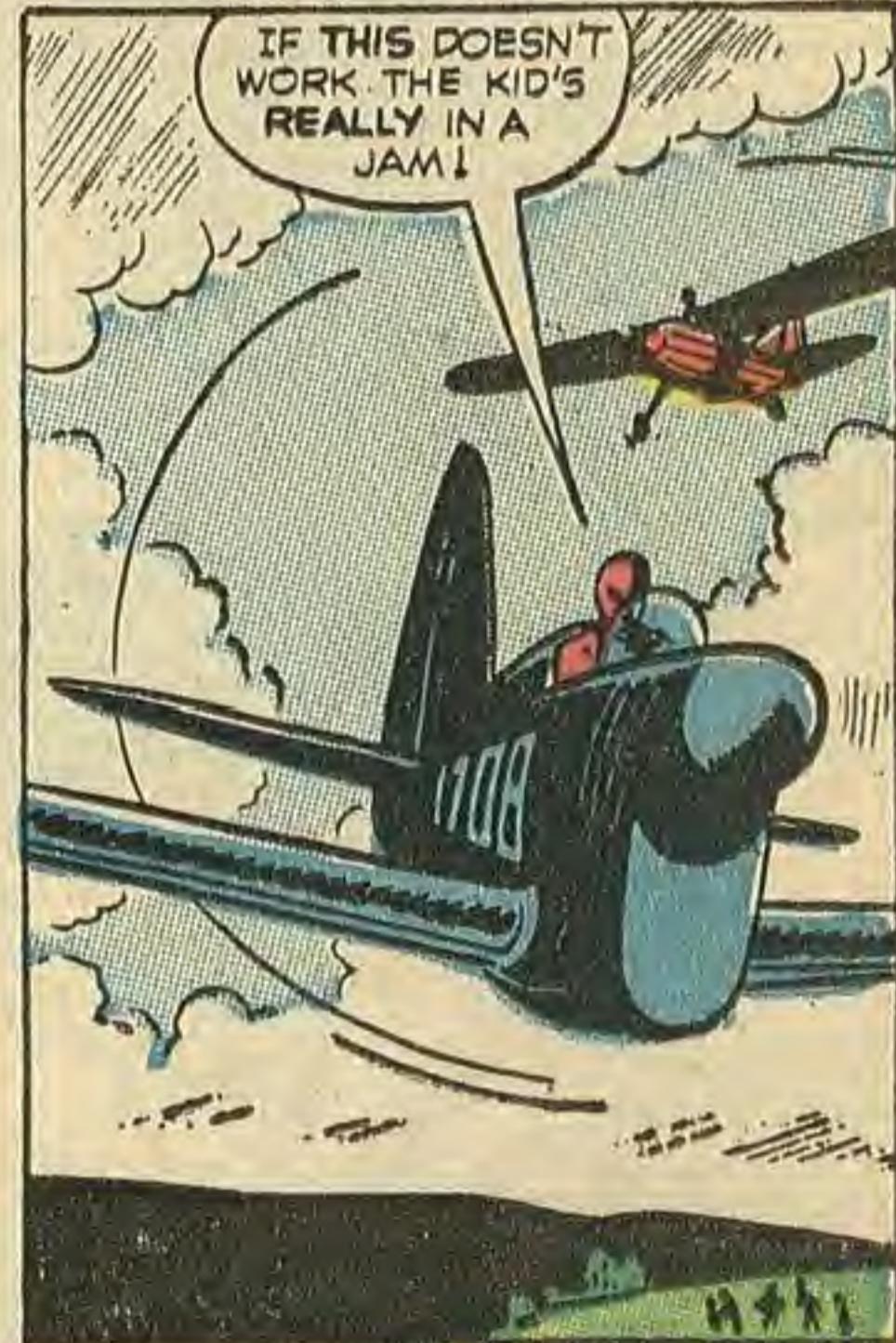
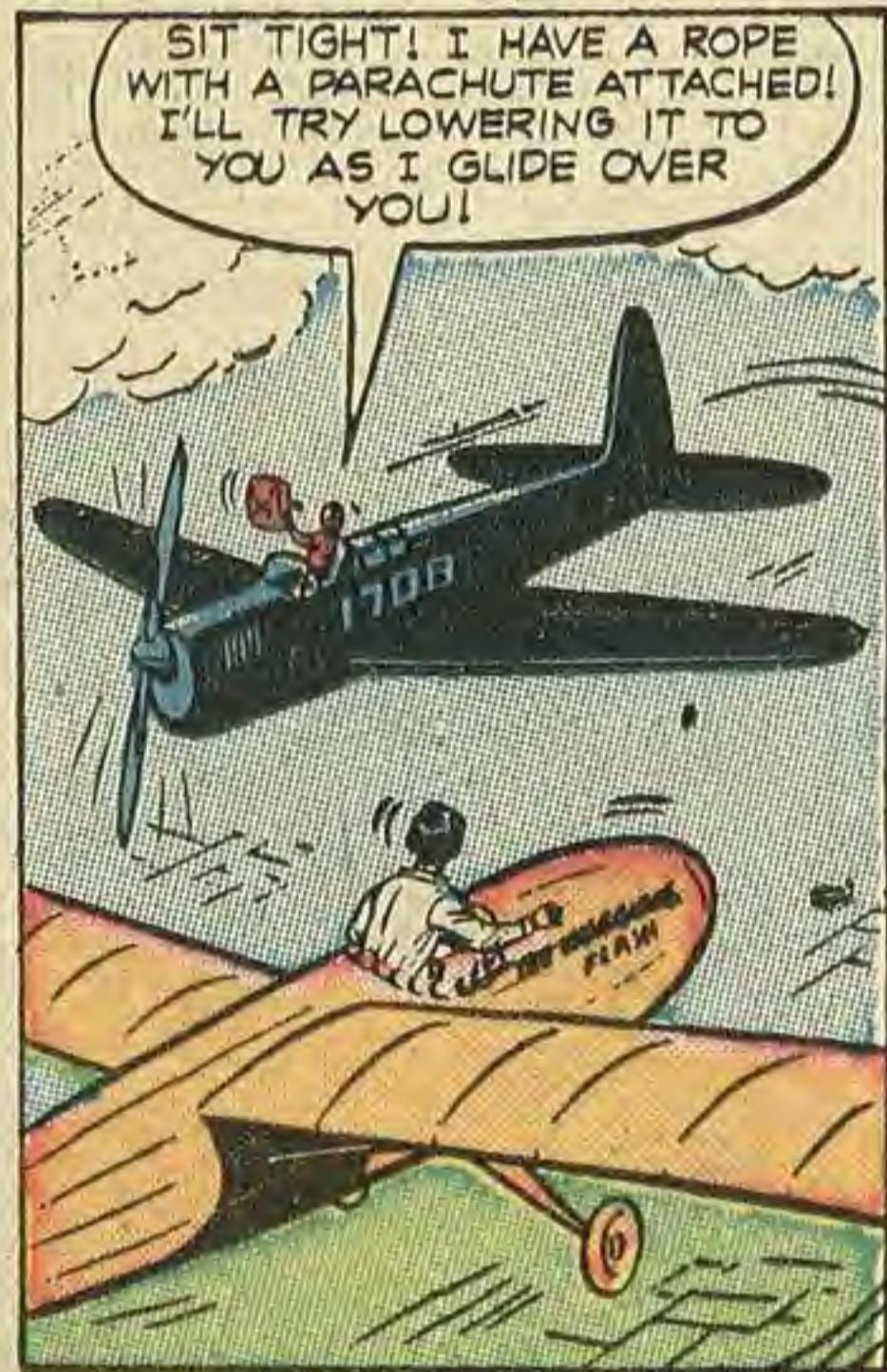


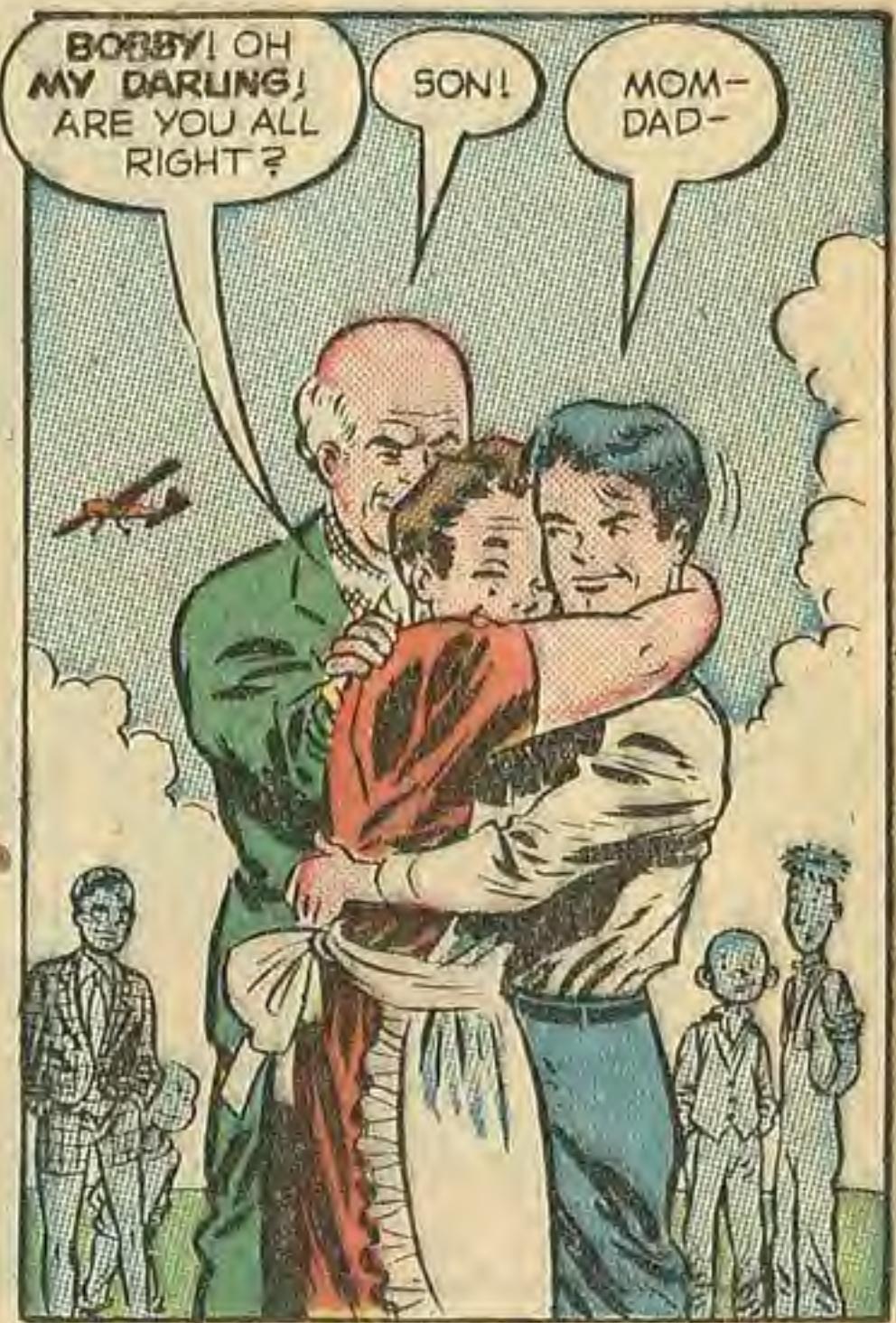


YOU CAN'T MEAN THAT BOBBY IS UP THERE... IN THAT TINY LITTLE GLIDER?

THAT WAS THE SECRET HE COULDN'T TELL YOU ABOUT!

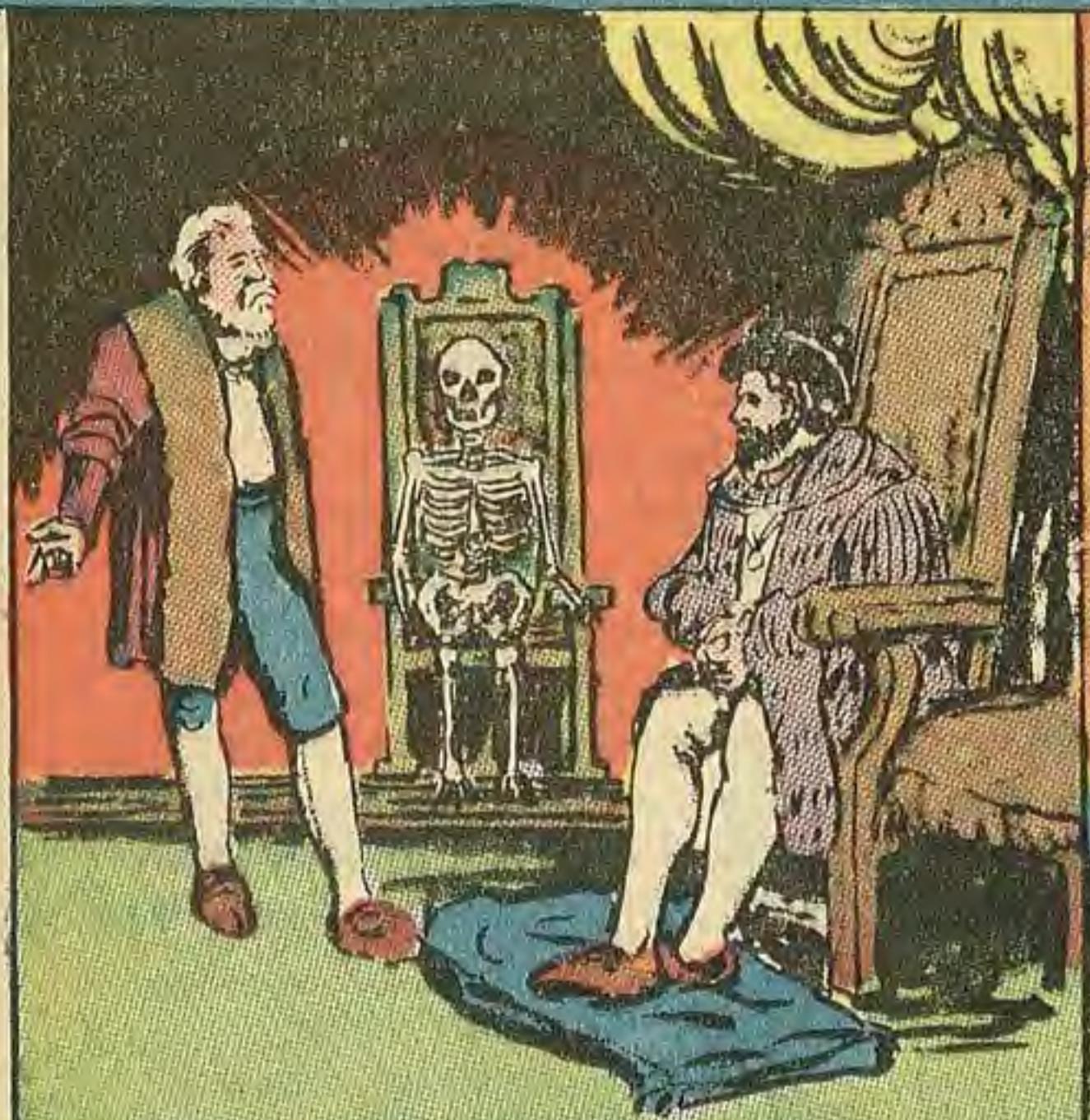
HE'S GOING HIGHER EVERY MINUTE! I HAVE A HUNCH SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG! HE'S NOT THE TYPE TO TAKE RISKS! I'M GOING TO CALL D.D! IF ANYONE CAN HELP US, HE CAN!





# FAMOUS ECCENTRICS

by C.H. MOORE



HENRY VIII ORDERED THOMAS BECKET TO STAND TRIAL FOR HERESY - EVEN THOUGH BECKET HAD BEEN DEAD FOR 350 YEARS! HIS BONES WERE DUG UP AND TAKEN TO THE KING'S COURT - GIVEN A HEARING - FOUND GUILTY AND REBURIED



CLEOPATRA,  
QUEEN OF EGYPT,  
KILLED HUNDREDS OF  
SLAVES TRYING TO FIND  
A POISON THAT WOULD  
KILL PAINLESSLY  
TO USE ON HERSELF!



MONTEZUMA,  
RULER OF  
THE AZTECS,  
CHANGED  
HIS CLOTHES  
4 TIMES  
EVERY DAY  
AND NEVER  
WORE THE  
SAME  
CLOTHES,  
TWICE!

THE DISHES  
FROM WHICH  
HE ATE WERE  
ALSO THROWN  
AWAY AFTER  
EACH MEAL



IN 1879 - A MAN IN TENNESSEE INVENTED A FIRE ESCAPE WHICH CONSISTED OF A PARACHUTE ATTACHED TO THE HEAD AND A PAIR OF THICK SPONGE-RUBBER SOLED SHOES!

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THIS IS YOUR PAGE

# WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Dear Reader:

In every issue of DAREDEVIL COMICS this page is devoted to your opinions, ideas, and suggestions. Since the conception of DAREDEVIL COMICS, we have been guided by two ideals—first, the eradication of crime, and second, to give credit to the fearless detectives and officers of the law who daily risk their lives that you and we may live in a more lawful society.

CHARLES BIRO and BOB WOOD, Editors

My family reads many comic books and your magazine "Daredevil" stacks up as top winner for us. "Daredevil" shows how justice always triumphs over crime. Thanks for the fine guidance you are giving young people, as well as adults. We have two small boys and they never miss your magazine.

Mrs. A. E. Kirk  
2328 Mersington, Kansas City, Mo.

"Daredevil" comics is the most educational magazine on the newsstand. To me it stands for all the lofty ideals of true American citizenship. You have shown the way to fight crime as well as intolerance.

Clifton Joshua  
762 Marcy Ave., Brooklyn 16, N. Y.

I work at a magazine newsstand and I sell many different types of magazines, but the minute we receive "Daredevil" comics, we are swamped by customers! I, myself, enjoy "Daredevil" and always set aside a copy for myself as each issue comes out.

Louie Ferrero  
2326 S. E. Woodward, Portland, Oregon

It is easy to see why your magazine "Daredevil" is so successful. It serves two purposes. It is very educational as well as entertaining. "Daredevil" also teaches a course in crime does not pay, and is doing a lot towards combatting juvenile delinquency.

Frank Capurso  
112 Waverly Ave., Brooklyn 5, N. Y.

"Better than the best," is the only way I know of telling you how good "Daredevil" is. The art work is superb and there is always a definite moral to each story. Keep up the good work!

Buster Rogers  
221—29th St., Gulfport, Miss.

I've just finished reading an issue of "Daredevil." Charles Biro certainly must be a genius, for I've never read such stories before. I wish to congratulate the editors on the fine work they are doing in the prevention of juvenile crime. Here at school your magazines are recommended and we are asked by our teachers to buy and read your publications. I always look forward to reading "Daredevil" with Charles Biro's excellent stories.

Peggy Ann Farrington  
3015 Roberts Ave., Bronx 61, N. Y.

We just had to write and tell you what a wonderful magazine "Daredevil" is. It is not only the best book, but also the most popular ever published. When we read your books, "Daredevil," "Boy," "Crime Does Not Pay," "Crime and Punishment" and "Black Diamond" we know that it pays to go straight.

Nancy Shreiner & Friends  
143 Wilson Ave., Newark 5, N. J.

I think your magazine "Daredevil" is a wonderful inspiration for boys and girls of all ages. My little brother, who is 12, read an issue of "Daredevil" last night, and saw what wonderful work the police and FBI are doing today. He says he's going to follow their fine example by becoming a policeman when he grows up!

Verna Doris  
2537 Ash St., Detroit, Mich.

I am sixteen years old and I recently got out of a state institution after spending fifteen months there. During that time I read your magazines as often as I could. Now that I am out on parole, I am a steady and thankful reader. Your magazines must help greatly in curbing juvenile delinquency.

B. W.  
Corning, New York

# STAMP PAGE

by Sidney M. Elias

## Niagara Falls

WHERE is the Niagara Falls? Is it in the United States? If your answer is "Yes," then you are approximately 32% correct, as only the American Falls which is part of Niagara, lies wholly within the borders of the United States. Here are the facts.

The Niagara River which forms the boundary between the United States and Canada is separated by a small strip of land at the falls called Goat Island. This island diverts the river to flow on either



### AMERICAN FALLS

side of it so that two distinct waterfalls are produced. The American Falls has a curving front of 1,400 feet and is 167 feet high. The Canadian or Horseshoe Falls is 158 feet high and has a curving front of 2,950 feet, more than twice as long as the American Falls. Most of the waters of the Niagara River is diverted over the Canadian Falls for only 1/10 of the entire volume goes over the American Falls.

To prove the above statement that most of the Niagara Falls



### CANADIAN FALLS

lies within the Canadian boundary, we find proof of this fact from the postage stamps of United States and Canada. On the 25c U. S. stamps of the period 1922-38, we find a reproduction of the American Falls. The 20c Canadian stamps of 1938 shows only a small part of the American Falls, Goat Island, the Horseshoe Falls and a Canadian power plant. Glancing at these two stamps, one can easily see that the Canadian Falls is much, much wider than the American Falls.

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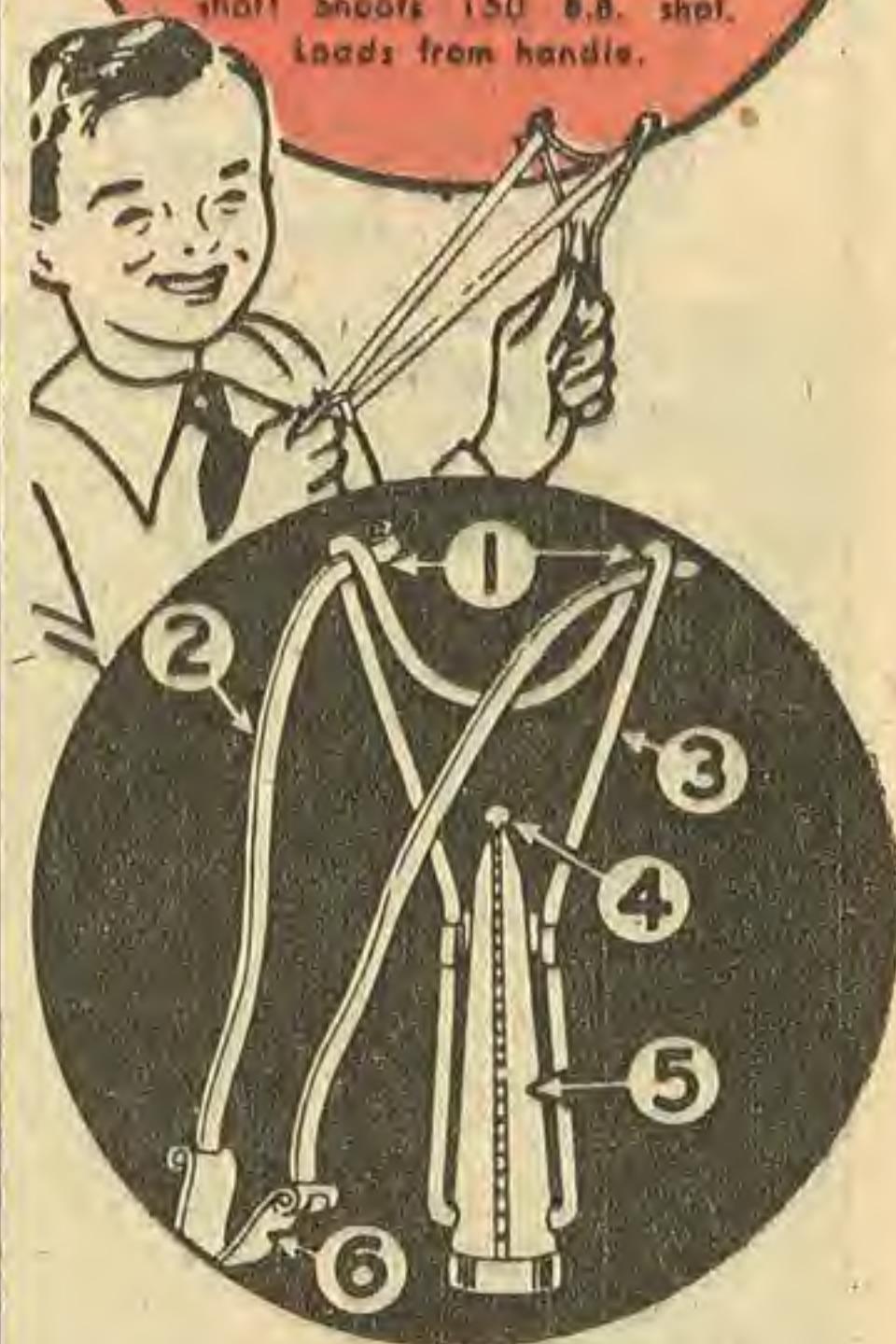
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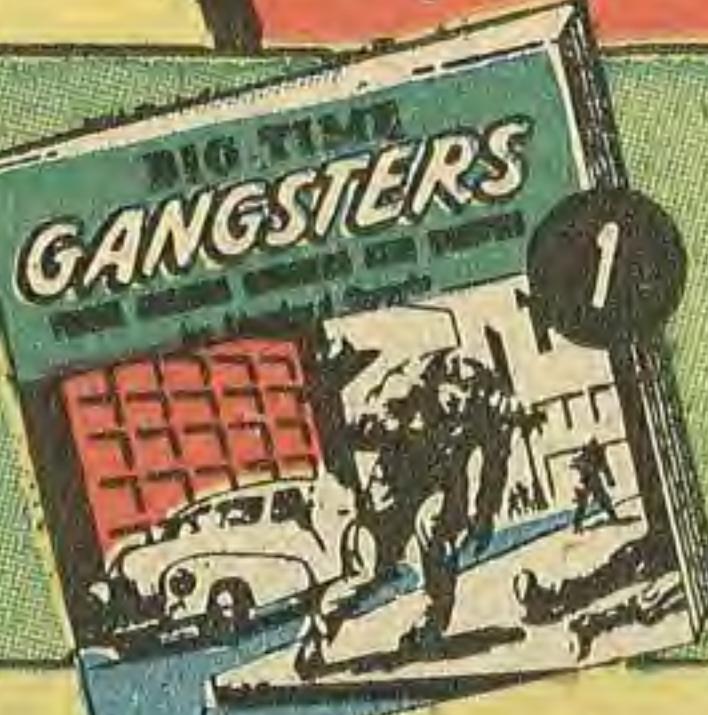
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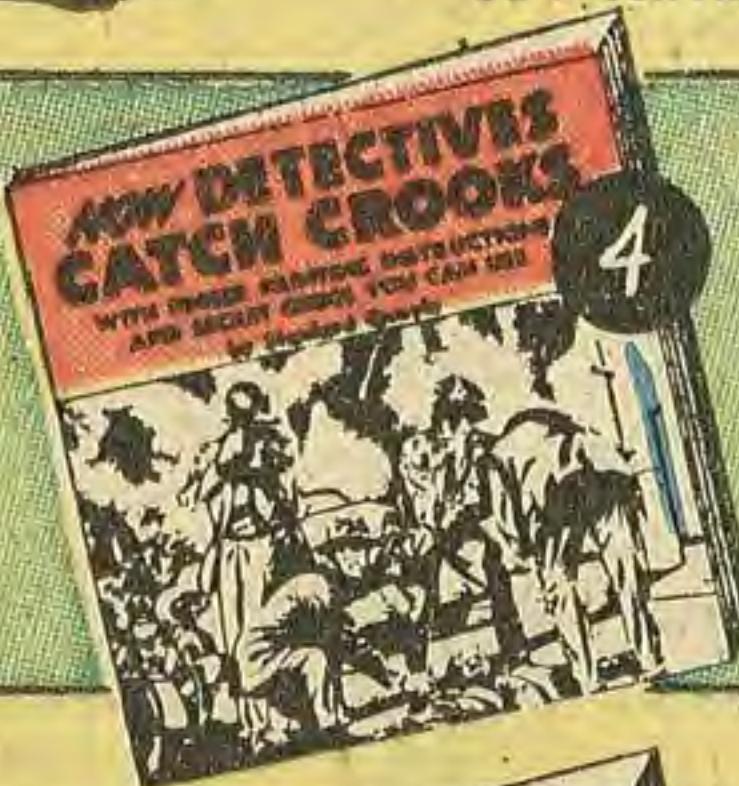


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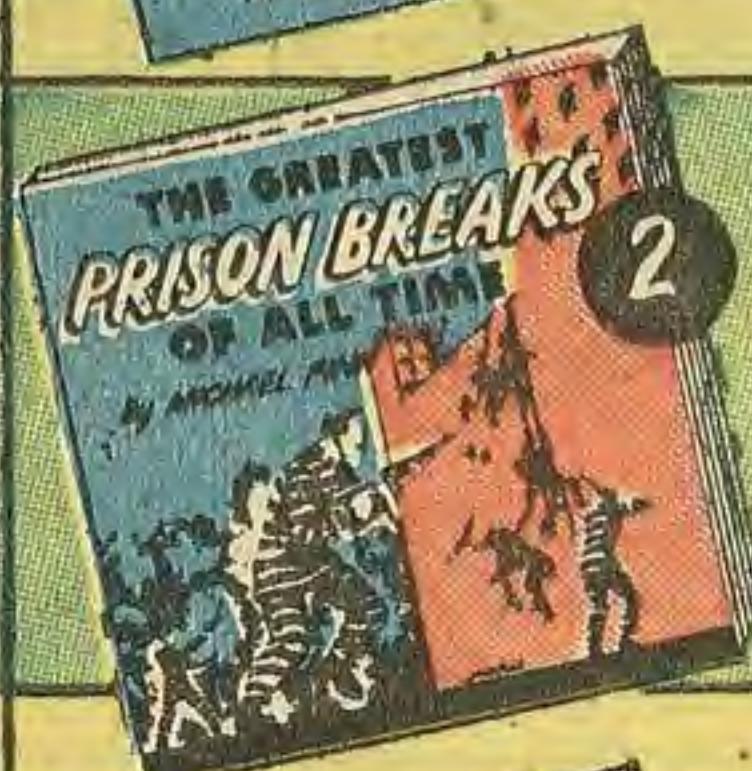


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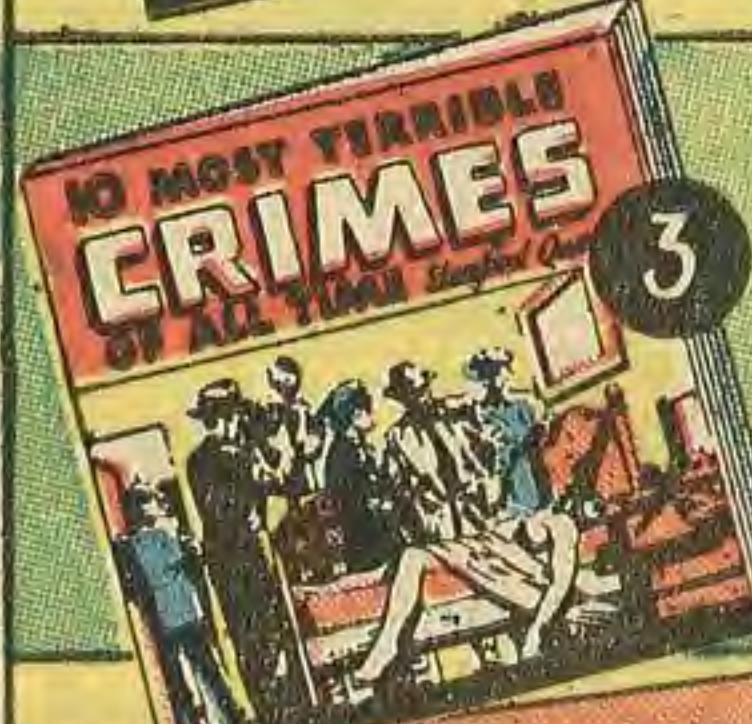


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1. WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE "SLIPSTREAM"?

- A.. ANOTHER WORD MEANING "STRUT"!
- B.. THE STREAM OF AIR FLOWING FROM THE FUSELAGE!
- C.. AIR DRIVEN ASTERN BY THE PROPELLER!



2. THE RELATIVE DENSITY OF AIR DECREASES WITH INCREASE OF ALTITUDE! YOUR AIRPLANE ENGINE WILL THEREFORE PERFORM ... AT HIGHER ALTITUDES (THAN / AS) AT SEA LEVEL!

- A.. BETTER!
- B.. AS WELL
- C.. NOT AS WELL!



3. THE FIRST PARACHUTE JUMP WAS MADE BY...

- A.. AN ENGLISH AIR FORCE PILOT IN 1915!
- B.. A. J. GARNERIN, A FRENCHMAN, IN 1796!
- C.. JULES VERNE, A FRENCHMAN, IN 1881!

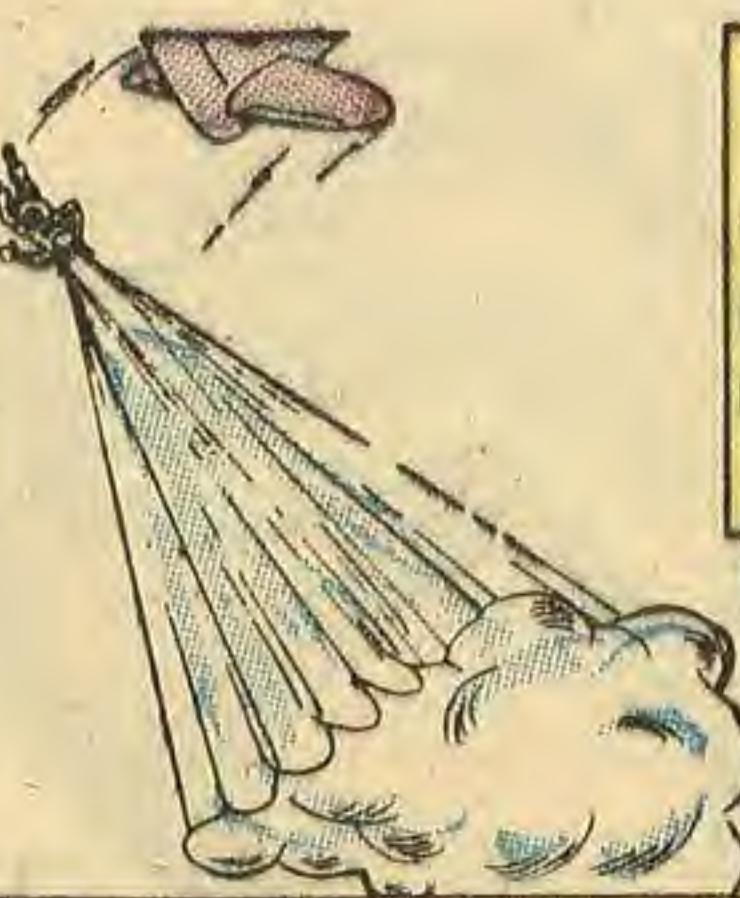
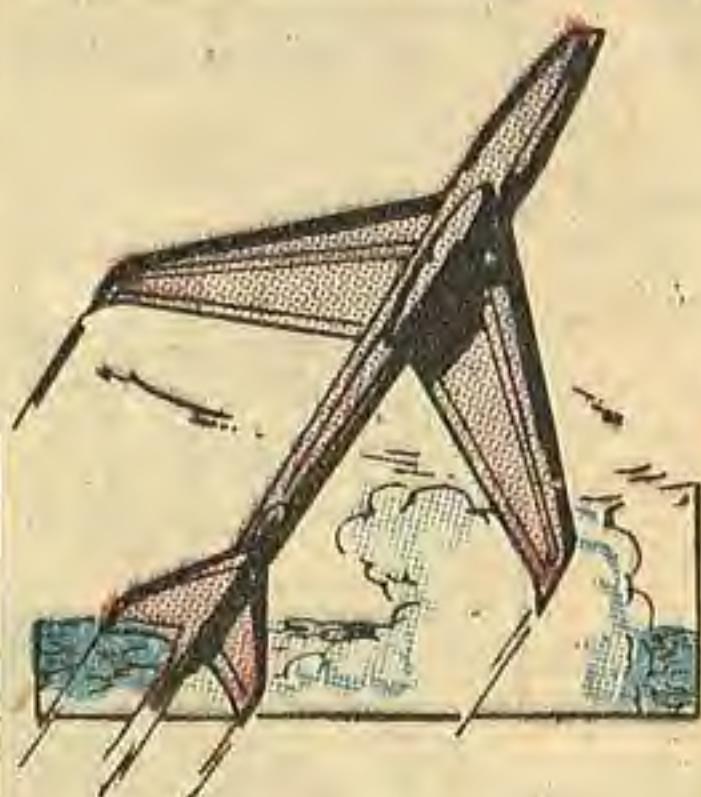


4. HOW WOULD YOU NORMALLY RECOVER FROM A SPIN?

- A.. BY APPLYING RUDDER OPPOSITE TO DIRECTION OF SPIN - THEN NEUTRALIZING
- B.. BY PULLING THE STICK COMPLETELY BACKWARDS!
- C.. BY PUSHING THE STICK FORWARD AND TO THE SIDE OF THE AXIS OF THE SPIN!

5. AS AGAINST A POSSIBLE 1,500 MILES AN HOUR FOR ROCKET-BOOSTED TURBO-JET AIRPLANES, THE SPEED OF TRUE ROCKET PLANES OF THE FUTURE WILL BE...

- A.. 6,000 MILES AN HOUR!
- B.. 3,000-MILES AN HOUR!
- C.. 10,000 MILES AN HOUR!



6. THE BEST WAY OF PARACHUTING CLEAR OF AN AIRPLANE IN A FATAL SPIN IS TO...

- A.. JUMP OPPOSITE TO THE DIRECTION OF THE SPIN!
- B.. FORGET ABOUT PARACHUTING! WORK THE STICK IN HOPES OF LEVELING OUT!
- C.. LEAN BACK AND LET THE WIND SUCK YOU OUT OF THE COCKPIT!



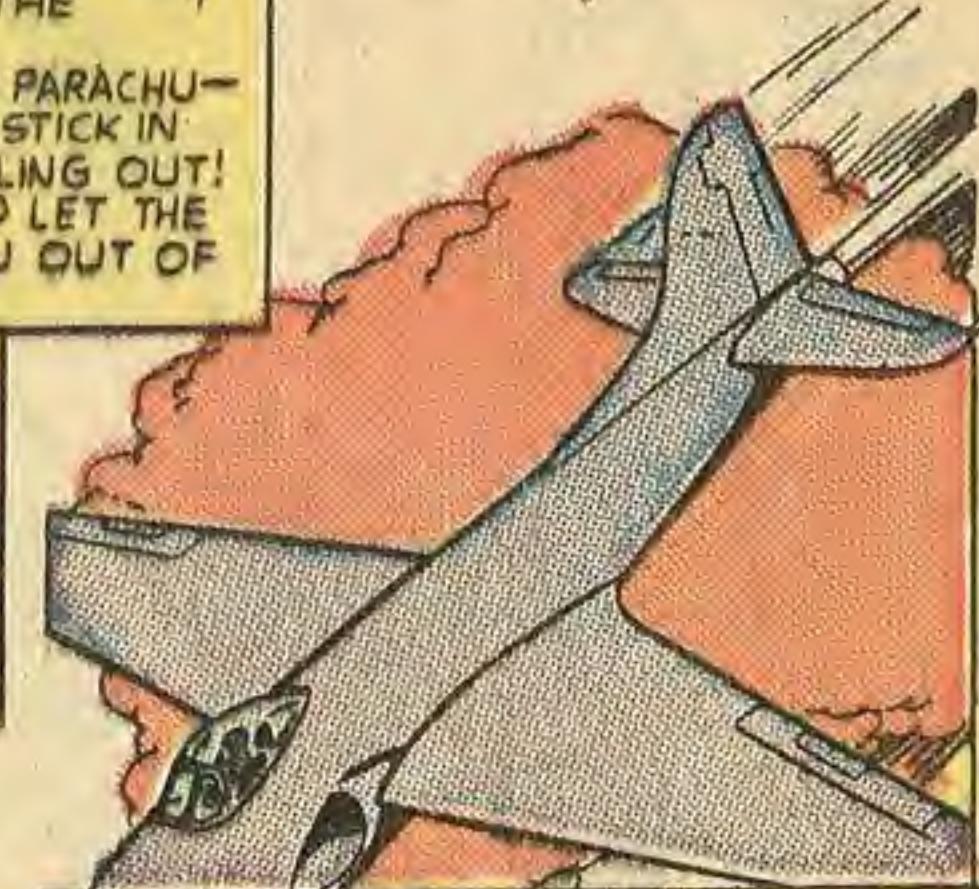
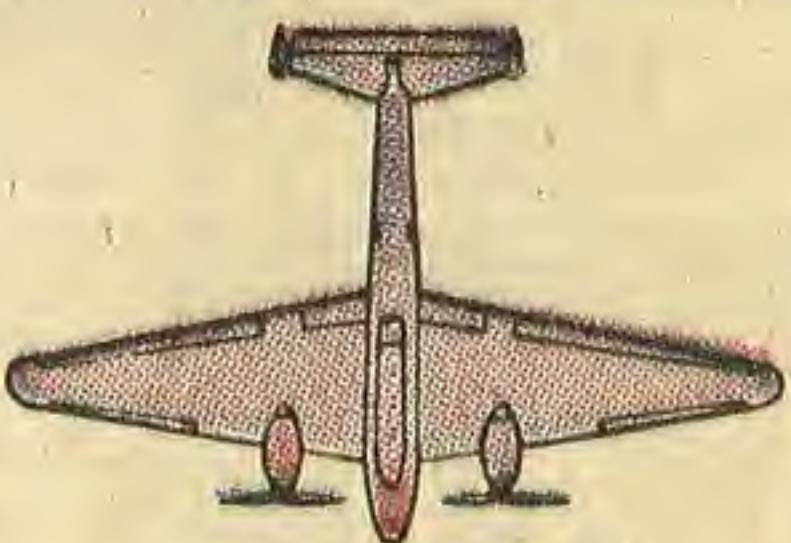
9. IF YOU SAW A PLANE IN THE SKY THAT WAS A LOW-WING MONOPLANE, WITH A LONG, THIN FUSELAGE AND TWIN EGGSHPADED FIN RUDDERS AND TWO ENGINES, YOU WOULD IDENTIFY THE PLANE AS...

- A.. A GRUMMAN NAVY FIGHTER!
- B.. A MESSERSCHMITT ME 110!
- C.. A SUPERMARINE SPITFIRE!!



8. IF YOU WERE ABOUT TO TAKE OFF WHAT SORT OF WIND WOULD YOU PREFER?

- A.. HEAD WIND
- B.. TAIL WIND
- C.. SIDE WIND!



10. WHAT DRIVES A ROCKET SHIP FORWARD?

- A.. THE JET OF ESCAPING GAS PUSHES AGAINST THE AIR!
- B.. BILLIONS OF MOLECULES OF GAS COLLIDE WITH BILLIONS OF MOLECULES OF AIR!
- C.. THE GAS, REACTING AGAINST ITS ESCAPE FROM THE ROCKET, PUSHES THE ROCKET ITSELF TOWARD THE SKY!

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6. A	7. B	8. B	9. B	10. C
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16. C	17. C	18. B	19. B	20. C

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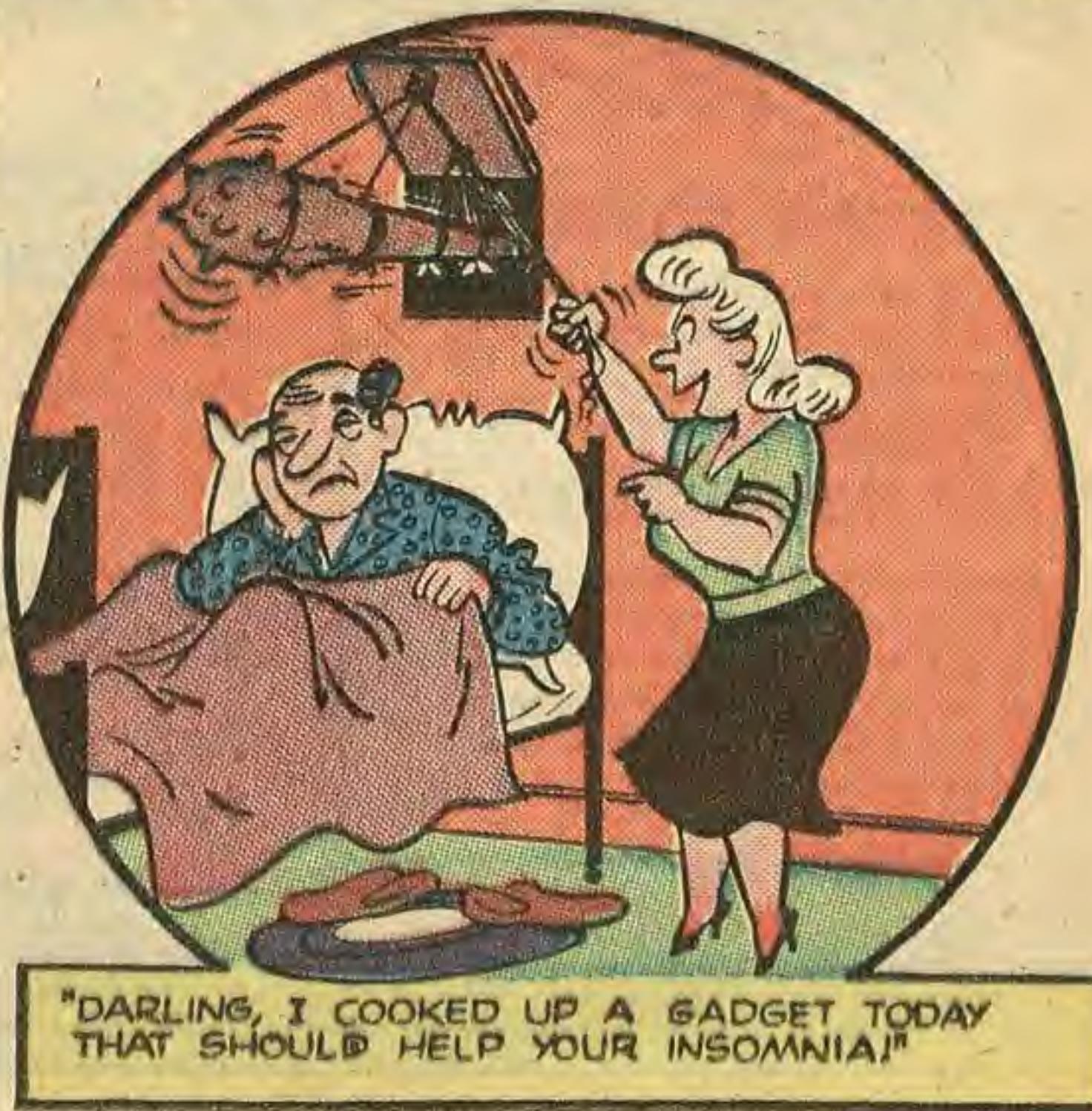
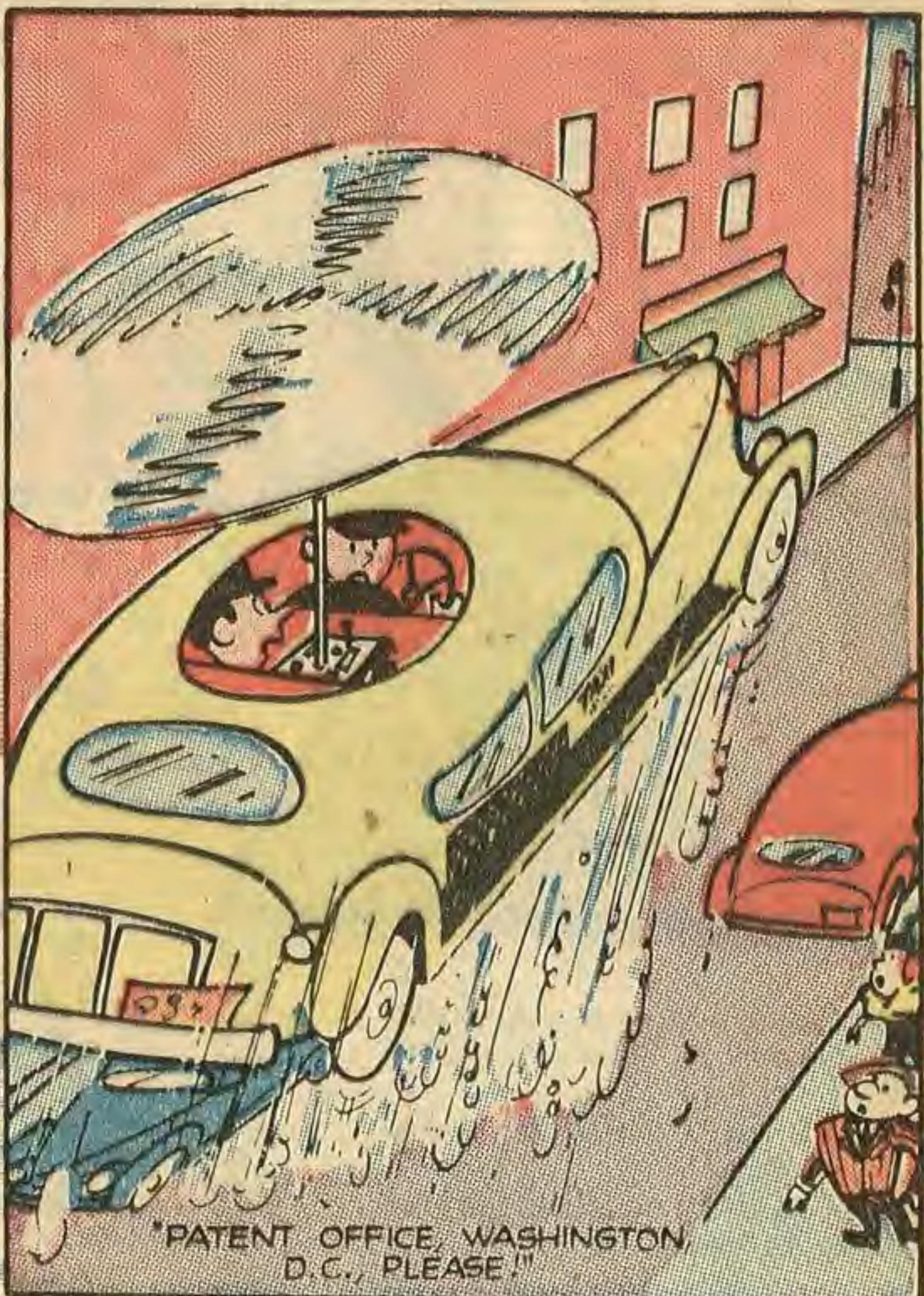
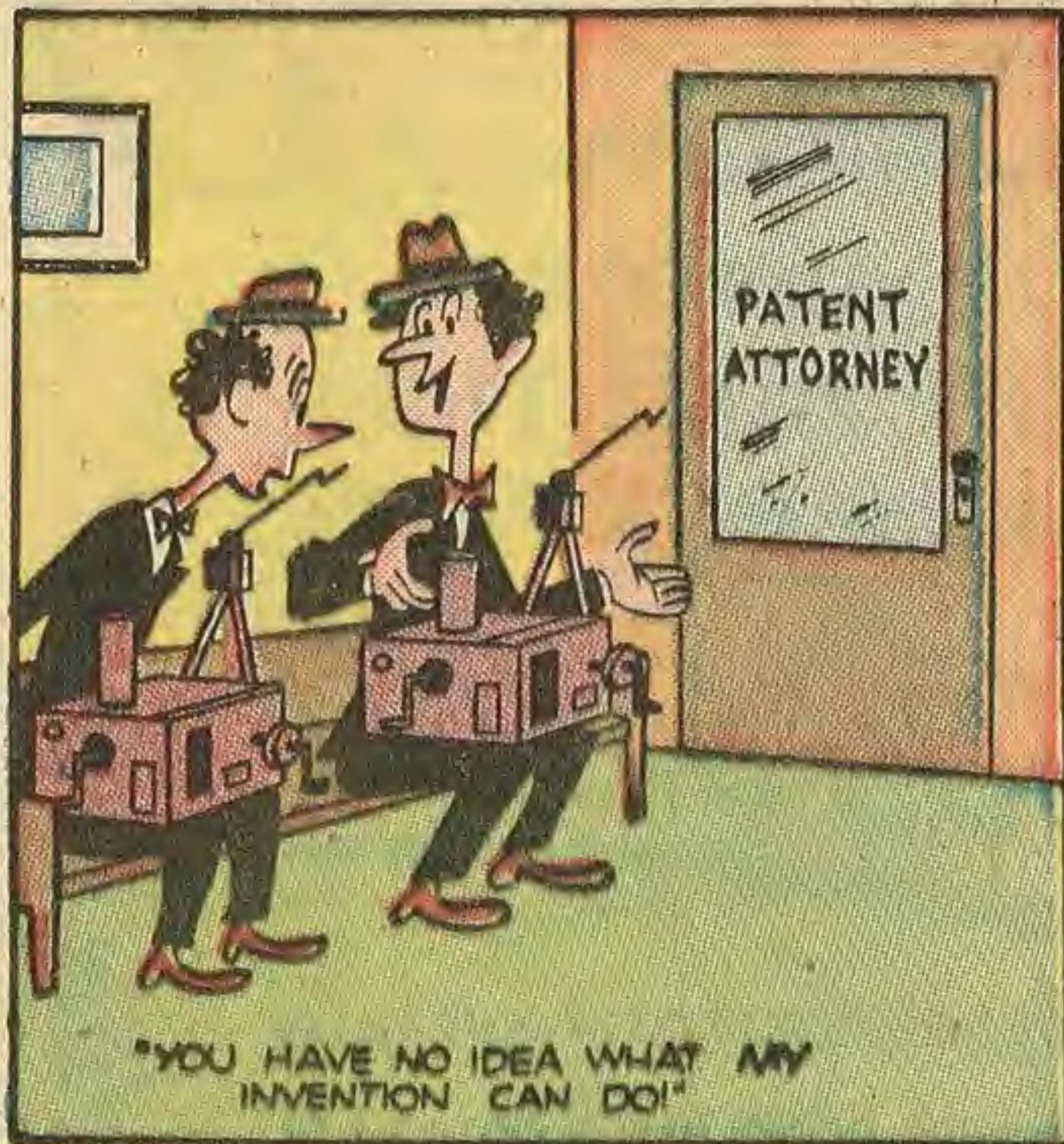
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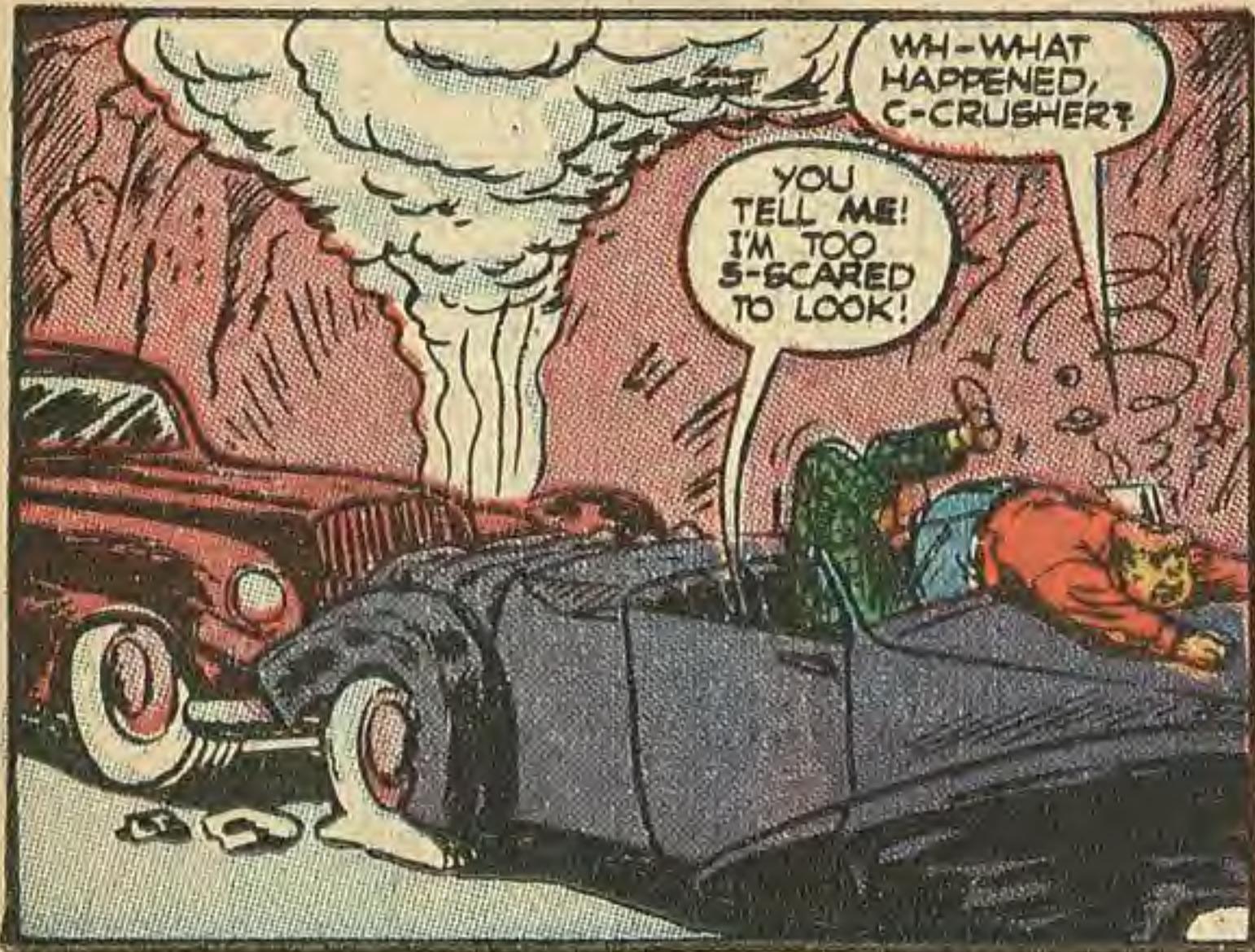
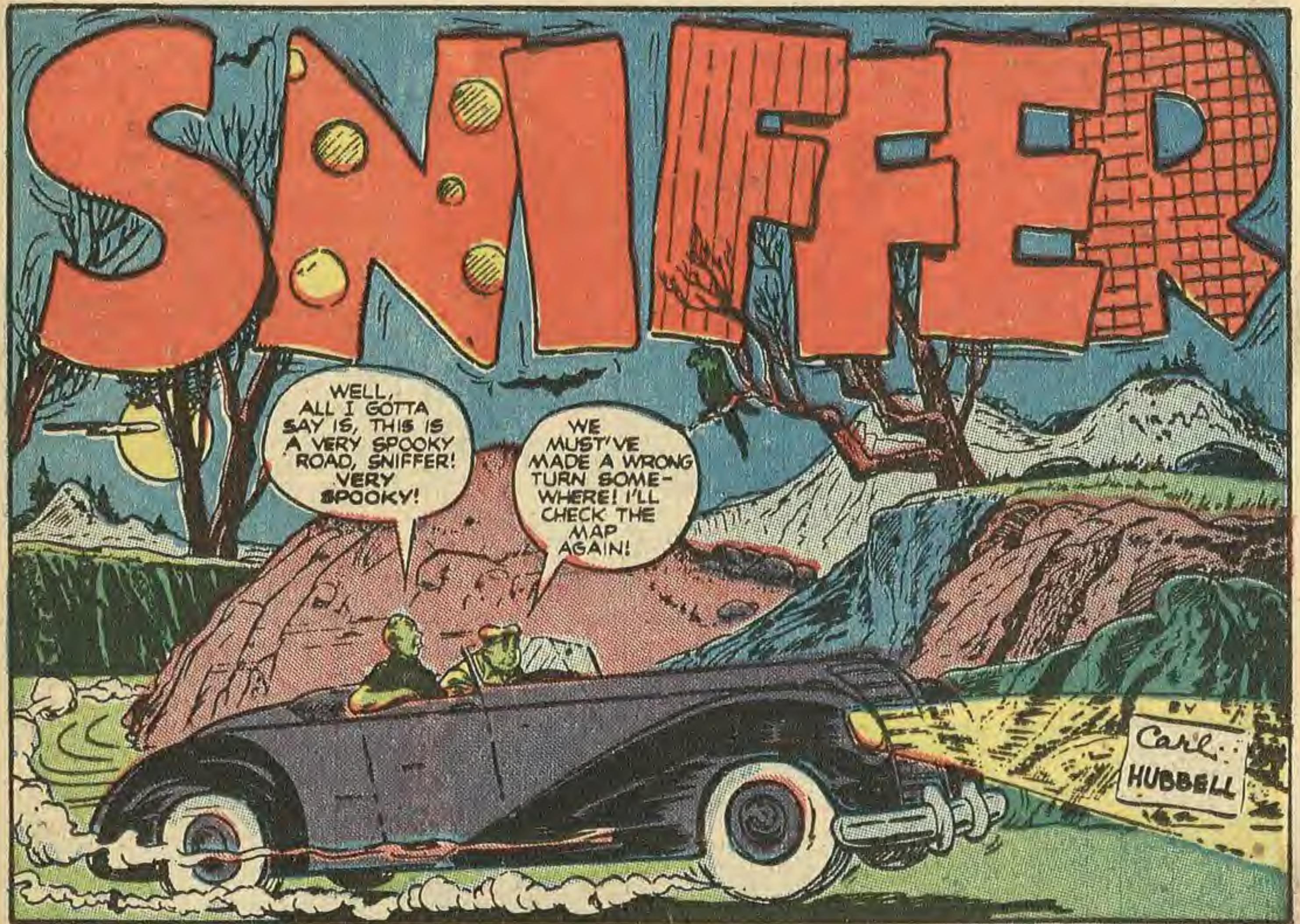
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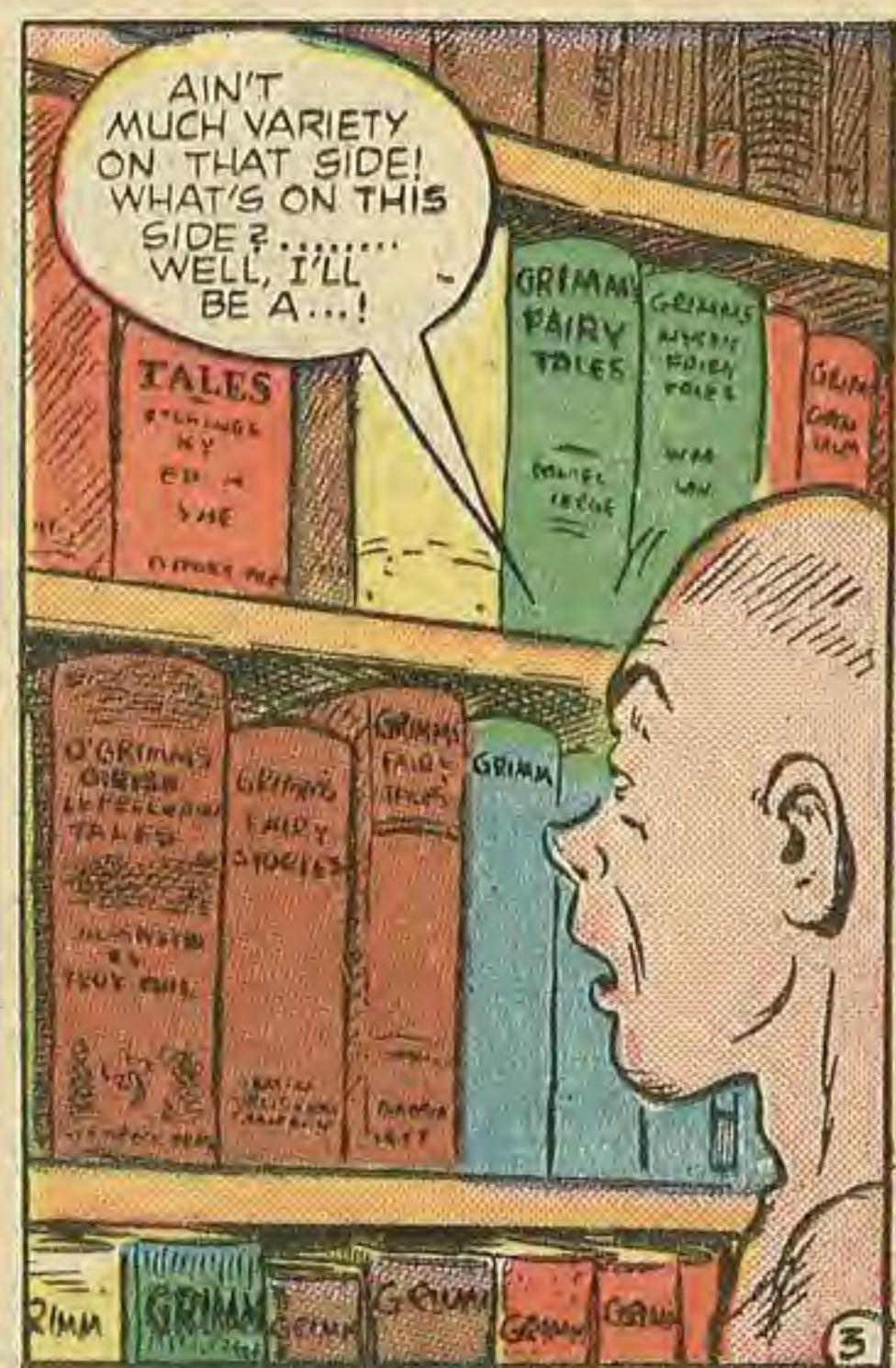
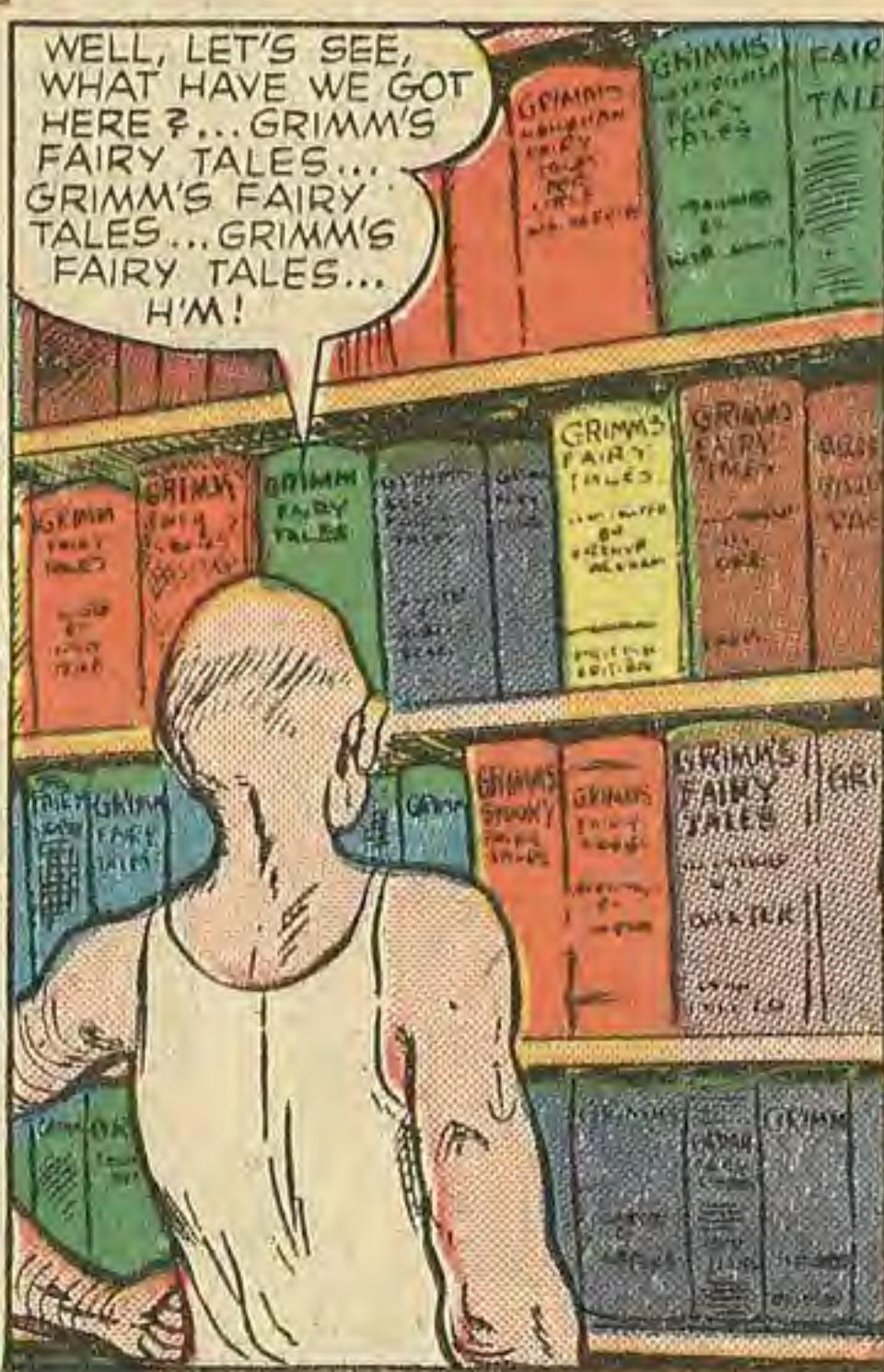
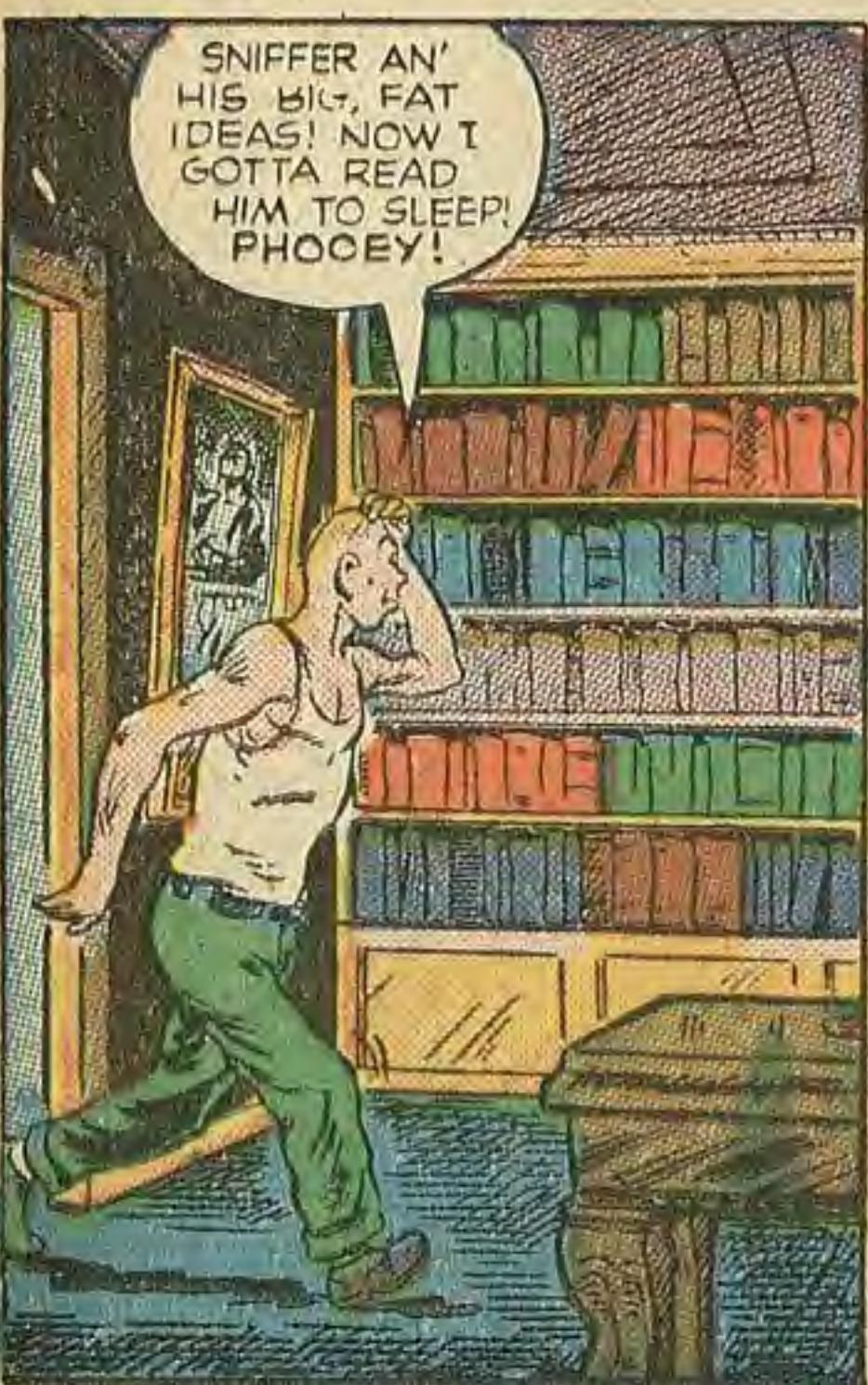
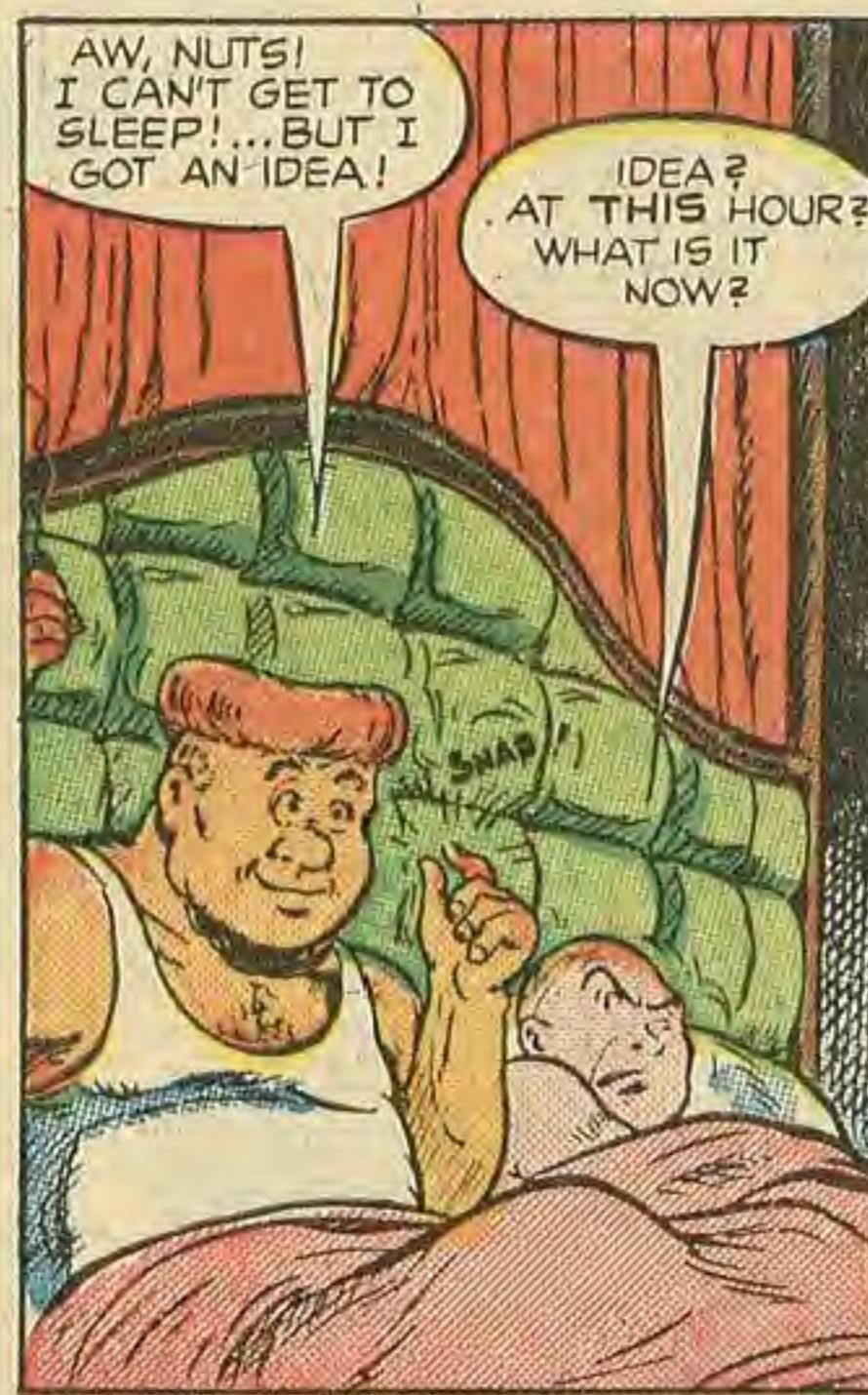
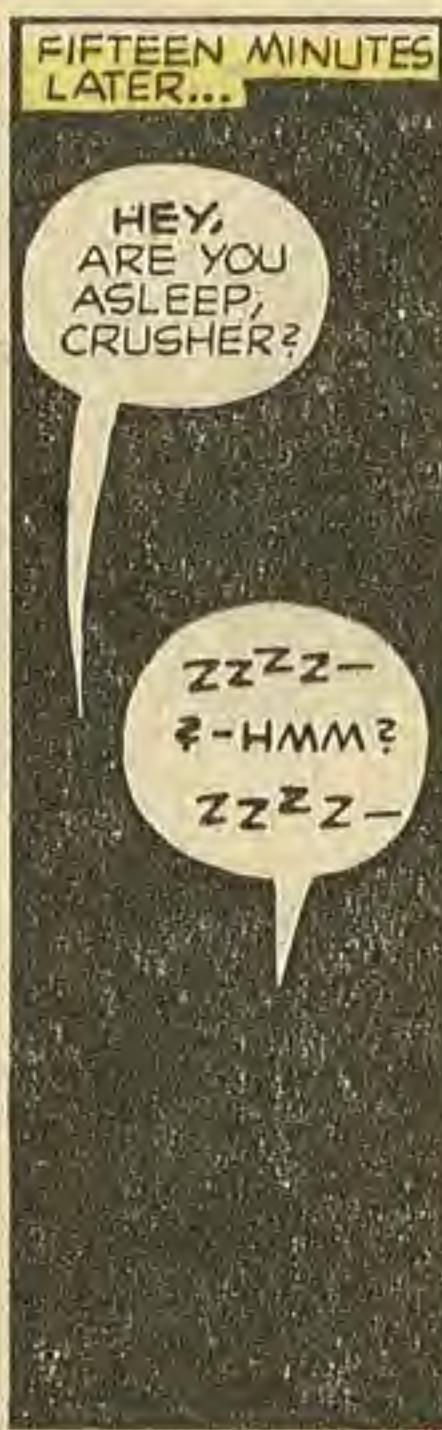
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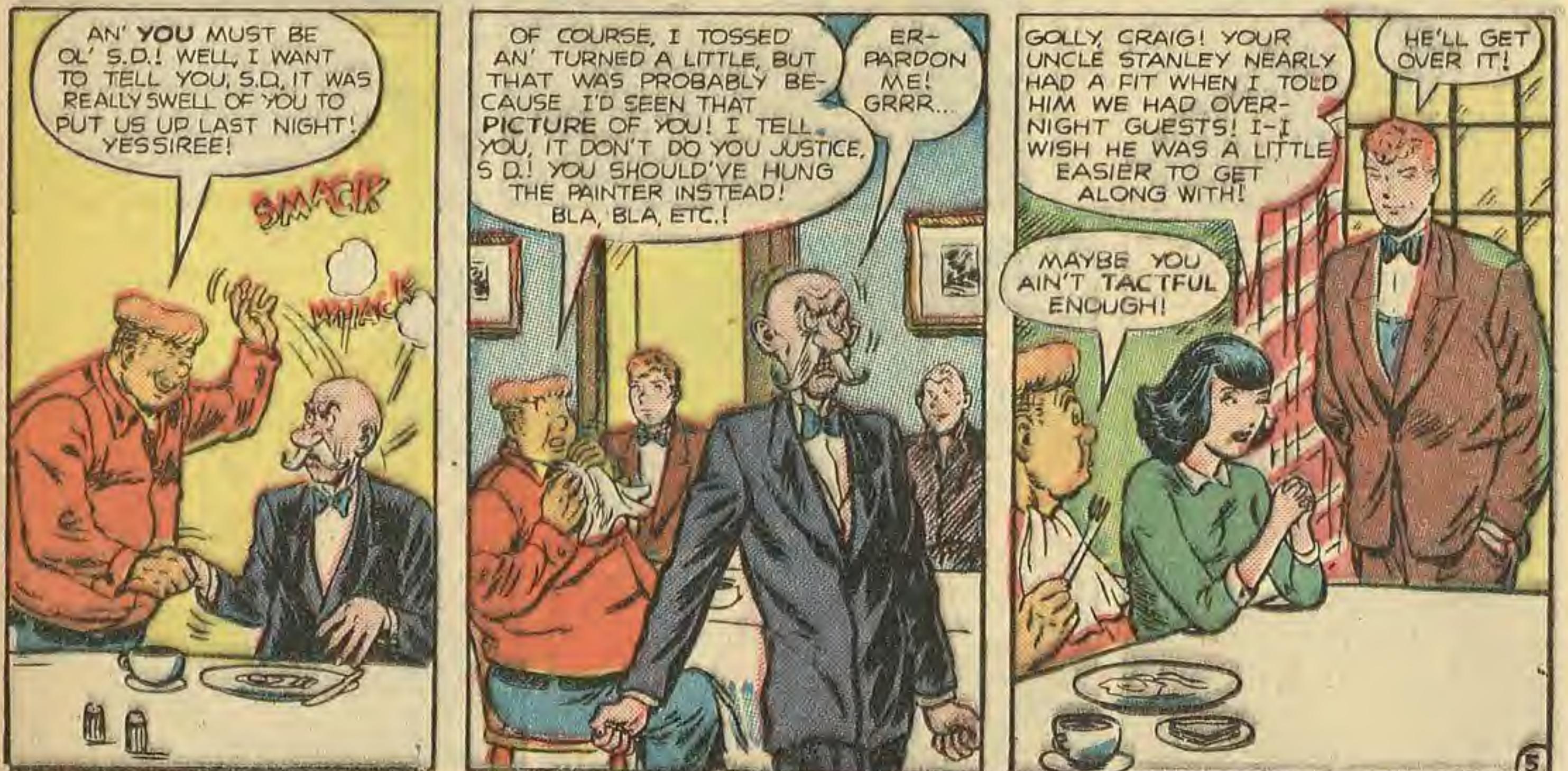
THAT'S ALL THERE WERE- JUST HUNDREDS AN' HUNDREDS OF DIFFERENT EDITIONS OF GRIMM'S FAIRY TALES! NOW SHUT UP AND LISTEN! THE FIRST YARN IS ABOUT HANSEL AN' GRETEL...

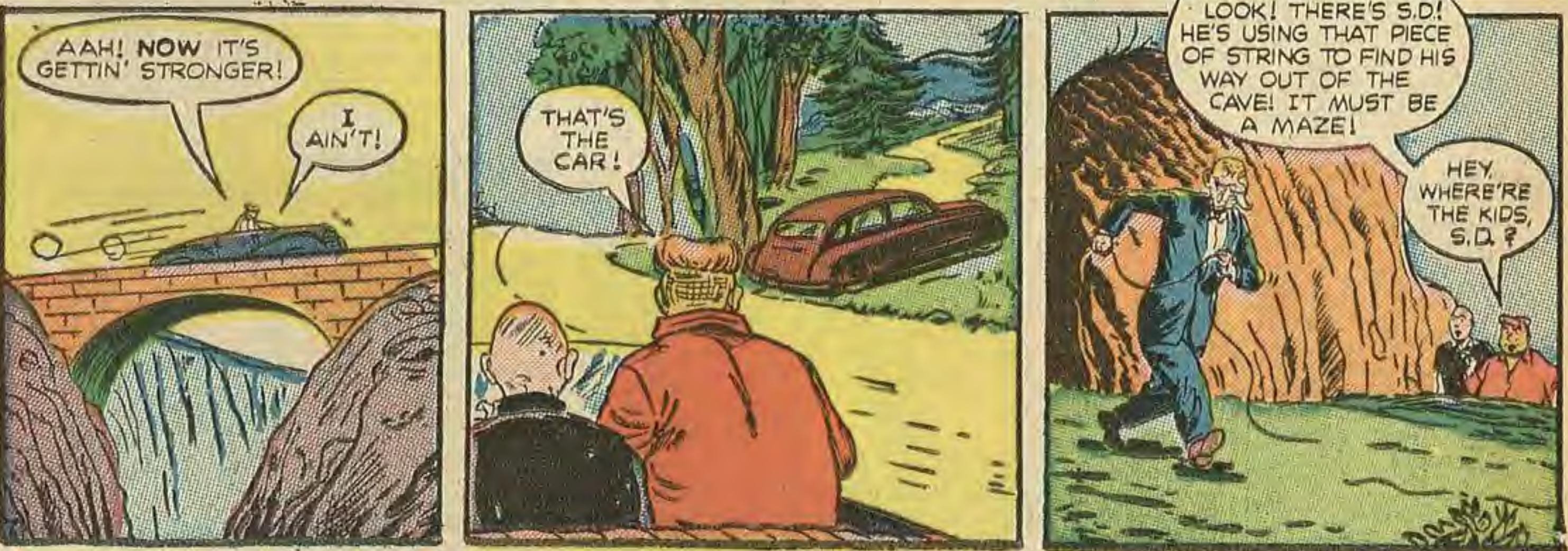
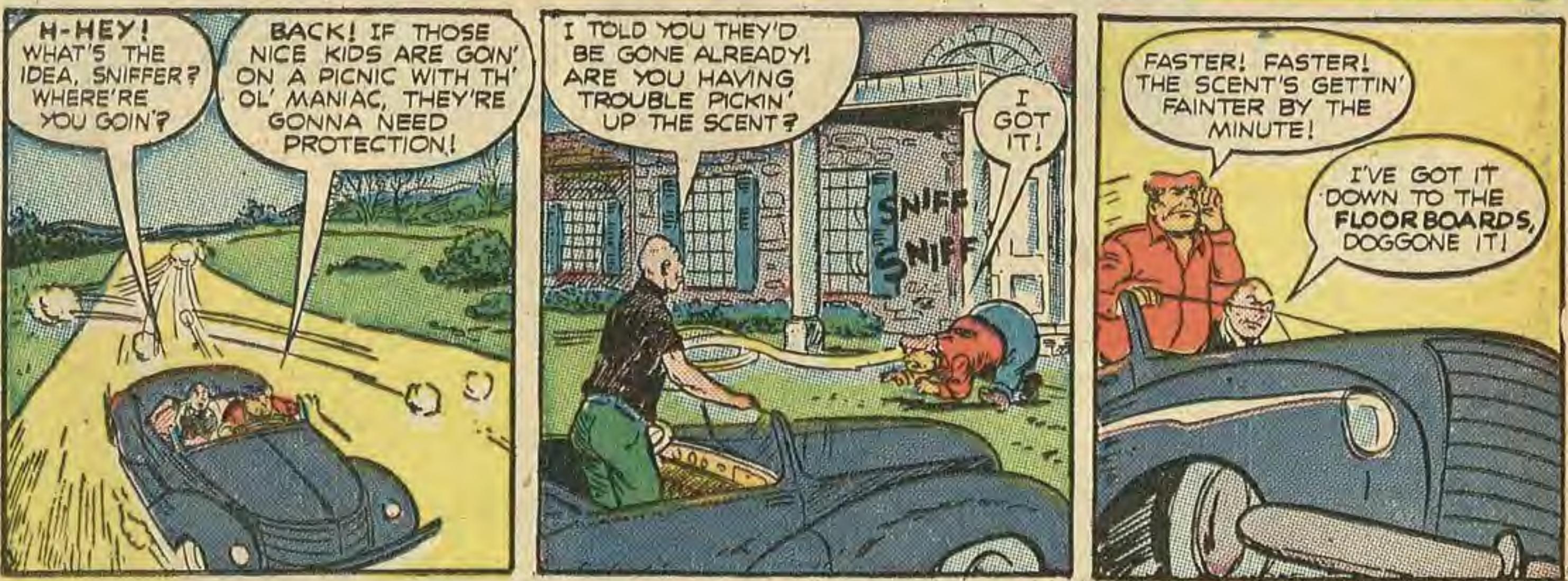
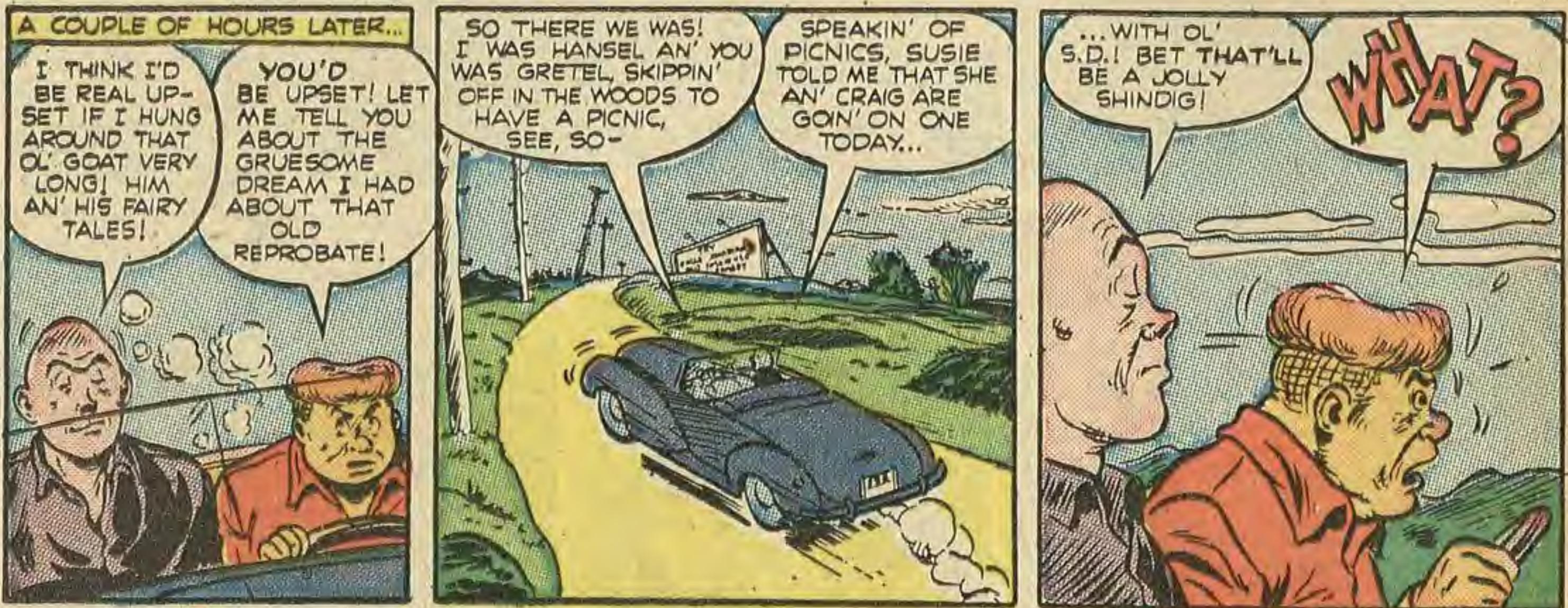
"...SO THE WICKED STEPMOTHER DECIDED TO TAKE THE POOR CHILDREN OUT INTO THE DEEP FOREST AN' LOSE 'EM SO THEY'D STARVE TO DEATH! BUT GRETEL WAS TOO SMART AND KEPT DROPPIN' LITTLE PIECES OF PAPER SO THEY COULD FIND THEIR WAY HOME..."

OH, WHAT A PEACHY DAY FOR A PICNIC, HANSEL!

YES, GRETEL! BUT ARE YOU SURE WE WON'T GET LOST IN THIS DEEP FOREST?









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# "MURDER IN PUBLIC"

## A C. B. STORY

LOOVER and C. B. had just settled themselves comfortably in the former's office when the phone rang.

Loover picked it up with a sigh. "What is it this time?" he asked. C. B. overheard "murder . . . shot . . . seven people . . . Crown Hotel." Loover replied, "We'll be down in five minutes," and hung up.

"I caught part of it," C. B.

"All except one were looking out the windows at the time, including, presumably, the dead man."

"The remaining one, I suppose, had his head in a newspaper?" C. B. asked.

"No," Loover said. "He's blind."

There were fifteen people present in the lobby of the Crown, a small, rather expensive

people sat nervously on the edges of their seats.

At Loover's request, all identified themselves. The desk clerk, Matt Ferris, had been with the hotel for ten years. The man at the newsstand, Bert Marder, had worked there for seven. Two of the others, Bill Minson and James Storr, lived at the hotel, as had Mark Frane, the murdered man. All three had been there over a year. Minson was in business in the city, as Frane had been. Storr, who wore the dark glasses and carried the cane of the blind, had a small income. The remaining two had only been in the hotel for a few weeks. Madge Helen was a schoolteacher from Idaho, who was vacationing in the city. Ed Wory was a salesman, in town for a convention.

"Now, Mr. Ferris," Loover said, "suppose you tell me what happened."

"Yes, sir," Mr. Ferris said nervously. "Well, we were all here except Mr. Frane. He must have come in while we were looking out the windows. Mr. Minson was talking to me at the desk and Miss Helen was standing right near him, looking at her mail. Mr. Wory—I don't really know where Mr. Wory was."

"He was buying cigarettes from me," Bert Marder inter-



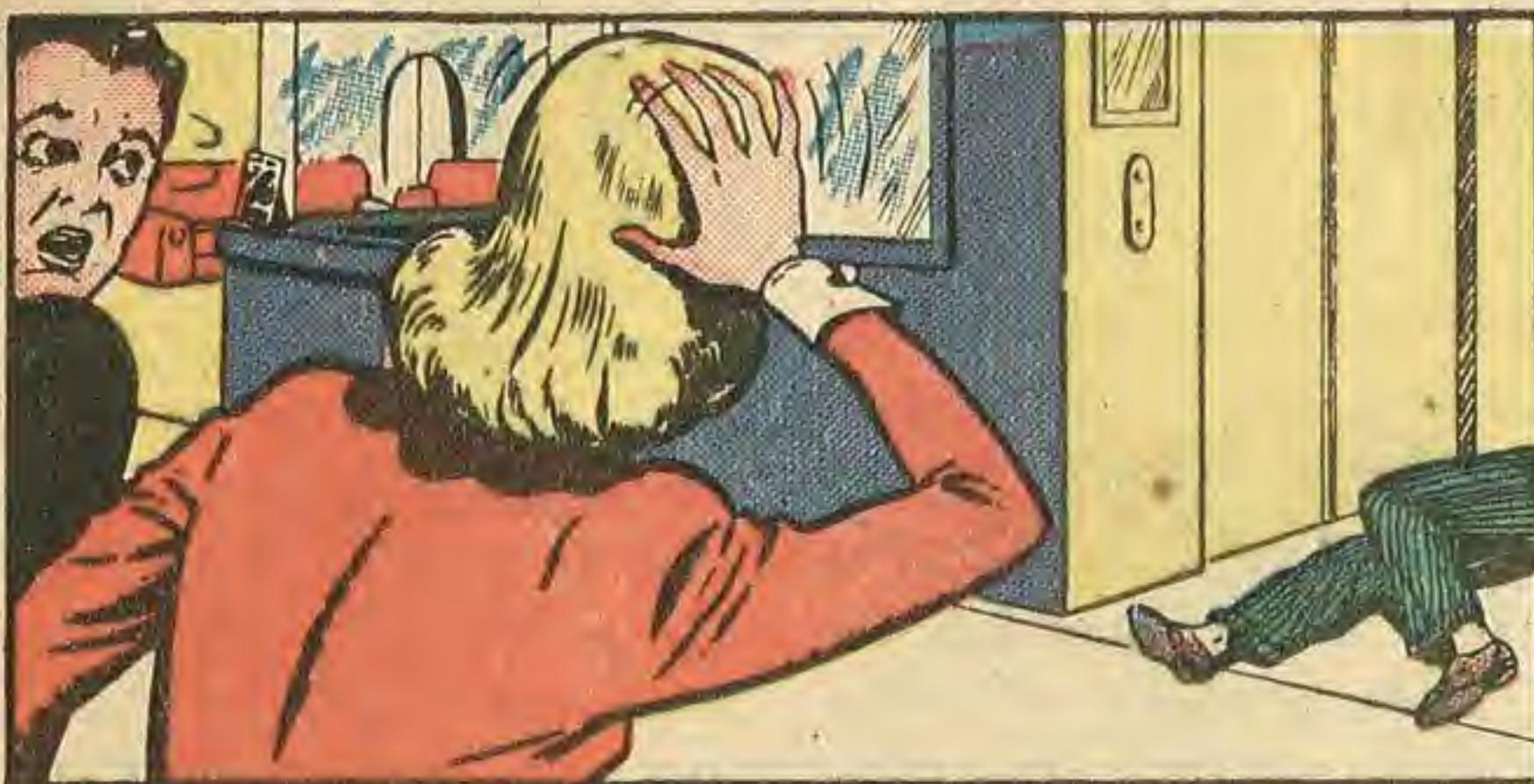
said. "Want to fill in the details?"

"A man named Mark Frane was just shot to death in the lobby of the Crown Hotel," Loover said, as they headed for the waiting car. "There were six people present and no one knows who did it."

"What?"

hotel on a busy downtown street, when C. B. and Loover arrived. Two patrolmen had succeeded in isolating the curious spectators from those present at the time of the shooting. On Loover's orders, one of the patrolmen took the latecomers into the dining room.

In the lobby, six frightened



rupted.

Loover nodded. Ferris went on. "Mr. Storr was sitting where he is now. He usually sits in the lobby for about two hours before supper every evening. Well, there was this terrific noise, and we all ran to the windows. All except Mr. Storr, that is. Two cars had crashed right outside the window and several people were hurt. We all watched for, oh, I should say ten minutes, at least. Police cars and ambulances came and the racket was deafening."

"When did you discover Mr. Frane?"

"A few minutes after we turned away from the windows. We stood around talking about it for a little while. Mr. Storr wanted to know what had happened."

"Where were you, Mr. Storr, while all this was going on?"

"I remained in my seat," Storr said. "I kept asking them what was going on," he went on, rather peevishly, "but they didn't pay any attention to me."

"And who actually discovered Mr. Frane's body?" C. B. asked.

"I did," Miss Helen said. "I walked over to the corridor to take the elevator to my room and saw him. I didn't realize at first that he was . . . that is, I

thought perhaps he had fainted. Of course, that was startling enough. I called the clerk and he and Mr. Wory came over. They bent down and, of course, saw at once that he was dead."

"Nobody heard a shot?" Loover asked.

They all agreed that it had been too noisy to hear anything that went on in the room. And the gun had been found, behind a couch cushion, with a silencer on it. There were no fingerprints and no one could identify it.

"You didn't hear anything, Mr. Storr?" Loover asked.

"No, only the noise in the street. Why should I?"

"I thought you might have been less engrossed in the street noises than the others," Loover said. "And your hearing is probably more keen."

"I don't remember hearing a shot."

"I see," Loover replied. "Did any of you know Mr. Frane?"

Minson, the clerk and the newsstand man had known him slightly. Storr said he didn't know any of the guests. Neither did Madge Helen and Ed Wory.

During the questioning, C. B. searched Frane. He found a sealed letter addressed to Mrs. Mark Frane in a small town in Idaho. There was no return address. Loover took the letter,

looked at but did not open it, and went on with his questioning.

"Will all of you," he requested, "try to repeat your actions from the moment your attention was called to the crash until the time Miss Helen found the body."

Loover gave them a minute in which to remember, then told them to take their places. Storr remained seated on the couch. The others went to the desk and the newsstand, which were behind and a little to the right of the couch. Then they moved to the windows, which brought them directly behind the couch. At this point everyone was diagonally across the room from



the corridor where Mark Frane was standing when he was shot. Ferris and Marder walked back to their places, Ed Wory headed for the restaurant at the other end of the lobby and Bill Minson went to drop a cigarette in an ash tray near the couch on which Storr was seated. Madge Helen walked over to the body.

"Thank you," Loover said. "I want to point out that any one of you might have shot Mark Frane as he entered the lobby. Whoever did it could be reasonably sure that the others were too engrossed to notice. Also, any one of you could, without attracting too much attention, have

gone past the couch and dropped the gun. One of you must have done just that. Perhaps this letter will help us find out who it was." Loover opened the letter. He and C. B. read:

"Dear Anne:

*I'm coming home. I never should have left in the first place, but now I've been away long enough. You say you haven't seen Manner in over a year. Even if he still wants to kill me, after all this time, because he thinks the accident his son died in was my fault, I'm coming back. The business is sold and I'm taking the Sunday morning train. See you soon, darling.*

Love,  
Mark"

"Well, C. B. I guess that's the motive all right," Loover said quietly. "You can all go to your rooms," he went on, turning to the others, "but you'd better stay in them. We'll have to question you all again."

The four guests headed for the elevator, the soft thud of Storr's rubber-tipped cane marking their progress across the marble floor.

"Our next step is to contact Mrs. Frane," Loover said, "and find out about Manner. Evi-

dently he followed Frane to New York. Maybe he's one of those people, not counting Miss Helen, of course—and probably not Storr, either. But it's just possible that someone got in and out during those ten minutes without being noticed."

"It's possible," C. B. said. "But then why was the gun left behind when he could so easily have gotten rid of it after leaving? Your man is one of those people, and I think I know which one. MR. STORR," he called, "will you please come here for a minute?"

Mr. Storr tapped his way back to them. "We'd like to ask you," C. B. began, then broke off quickly. He said excitedly, "Look!" and pointed behind Storr. Storr did not turn his head, but instead of bringing his arm down, C. B. swung at him. The "blind man" ducked.

"There's your murderer, Loover," C. B. said. "Mr. Storr is no more blind than you or I. And Mrs. Frane will undoubtedly identify him as Manner when the dye has been washed out of his hair."

When Mr. Storr, still pretending to be blind, had been taken away, Loover said, "But I still don't quite understand. Suppose there hadn't been a crash to

hide the shooting?"

"Sooner or later something would have happened to give Storr, or Manner, his chance. He had plenty of time. He had waited for a year and he probably didn't know that Frane was leaving. Remember, Ferris said he sat here every evening. He undoubtedly knew exactly when Frane was likely to come and go and just waited for his chance to get him."

"And the disguise was partly in order to keep Frane from recognizing him, partly so that he would have a reason just to sit and stare into space, and partly to fool the police long enough to get away and become someone else. But what made you suspect him, C. B.?"

"His cane . . . or rather, its rubber tip. Like many people, Storr evidently thinks a blind man feels his way with his cane. Actually he hears it. As you pointed out, the blind usually have excellent hearing. And a blind man uses his cane to cause echos, so he can judge surroundings by them. A rubber tip doesn't make very good echos. A metal tip does. Manner was careful, but not careful enough."

THE END

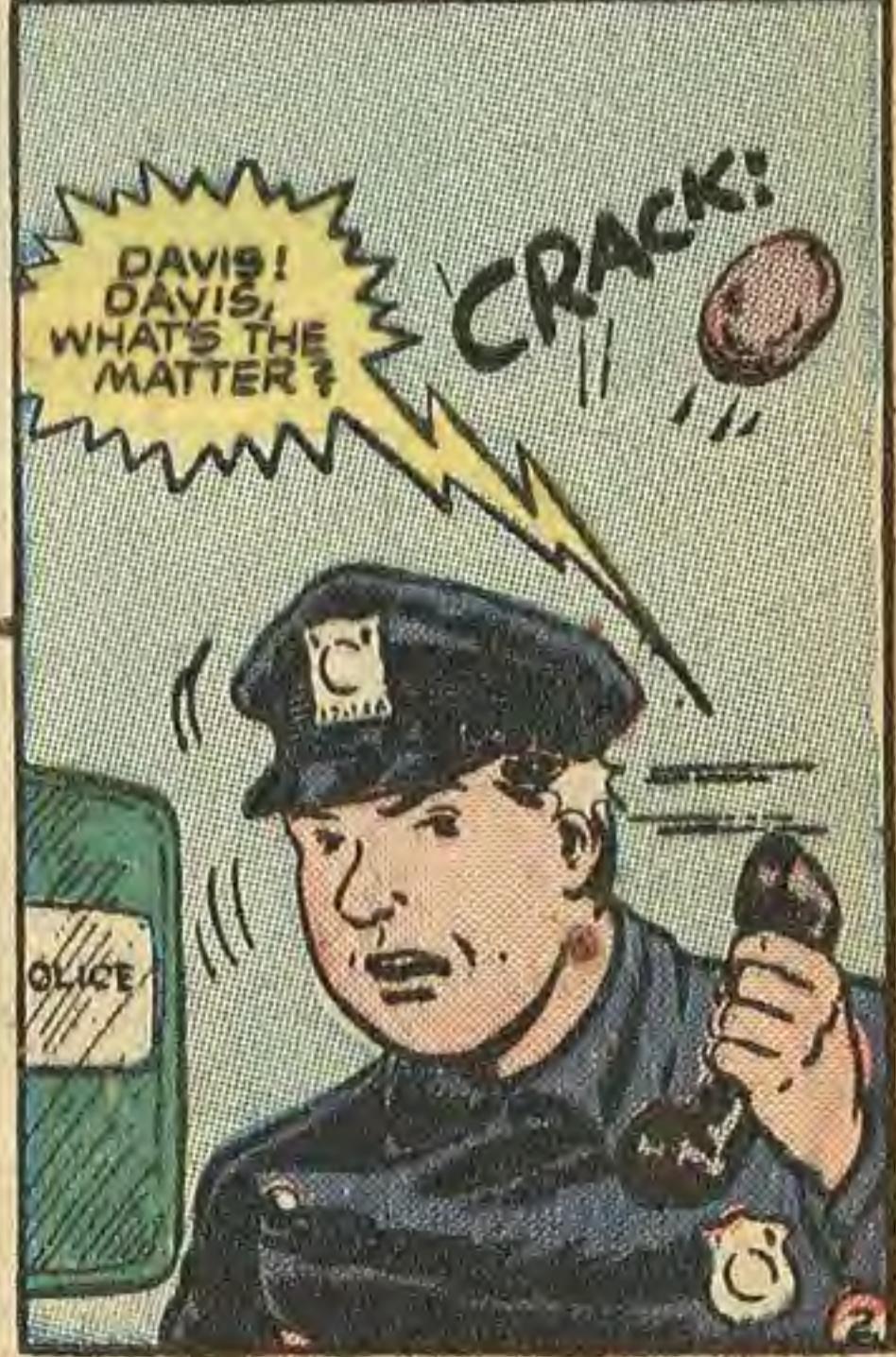
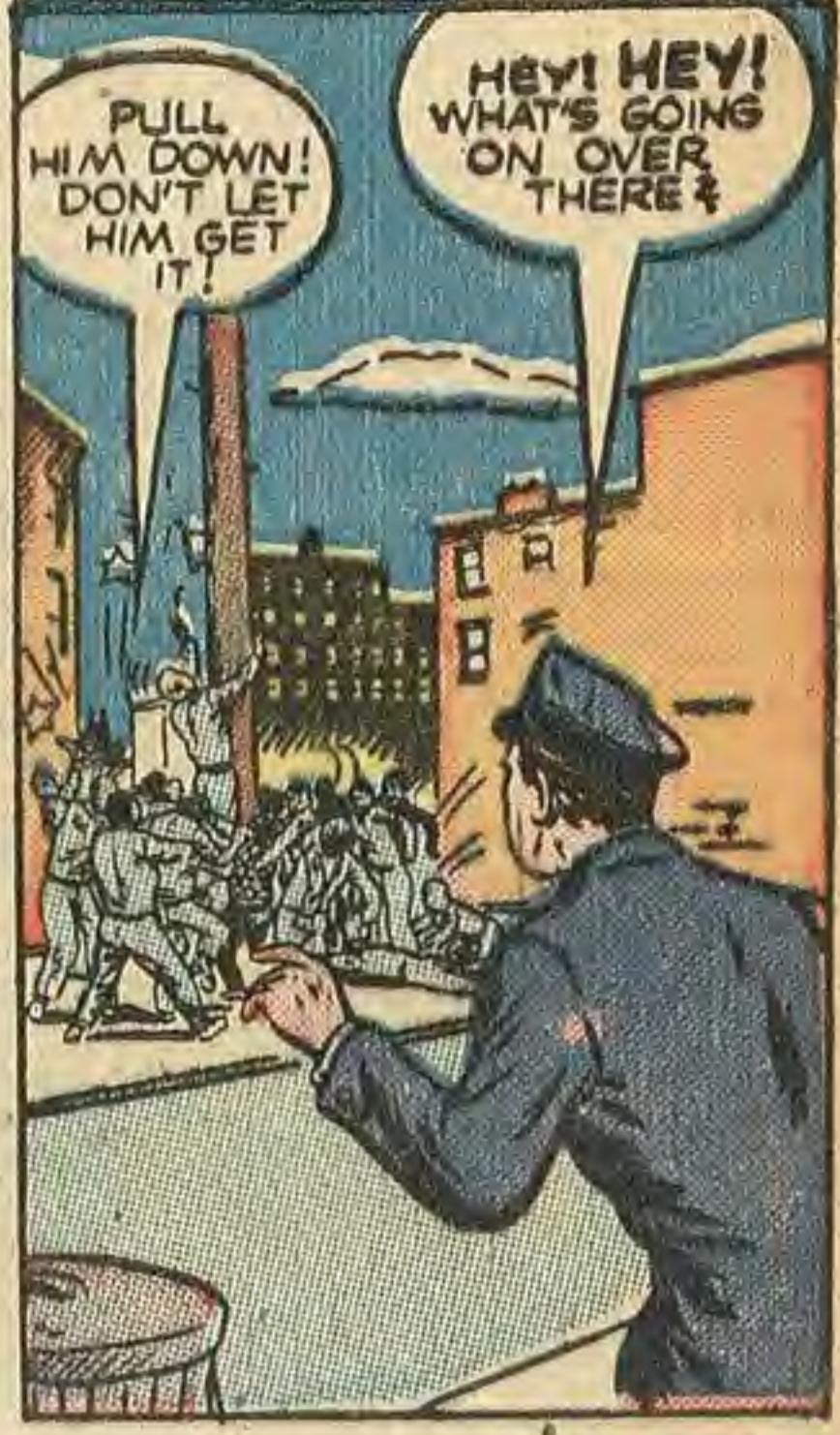
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# DAREDEVIL

and the LITTLE WISE GUYS







BILL! WHY ARE YOU LEAVING SO EARLY? — AN' WHY ARE YOU CARRYING YOUR UNIFORM IN A SUITCASE INSTEAD OF WEARING IT?

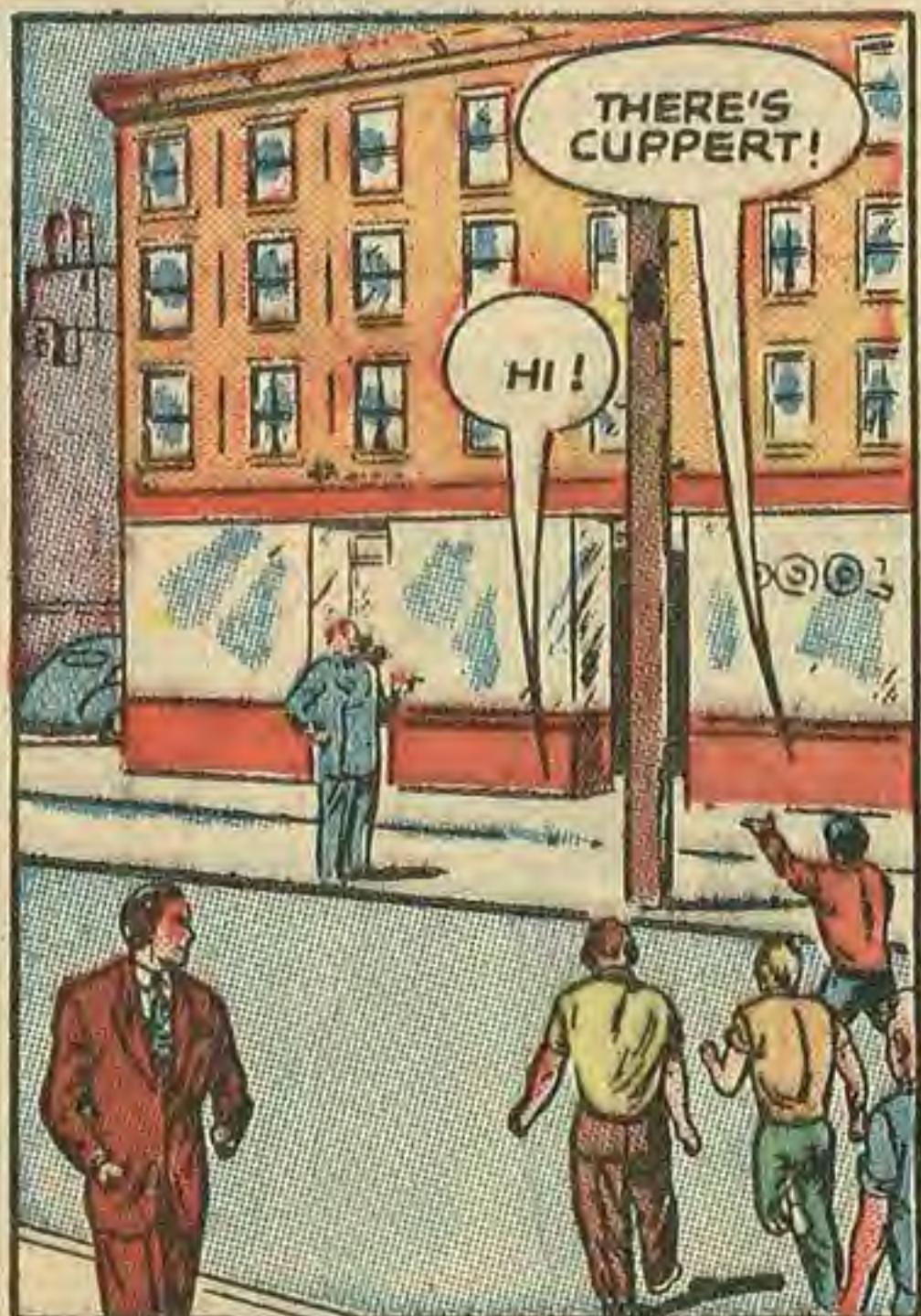
I HAVEN'T GOT TIME TO EXPLAIN NOW, DOTTIE! I'LL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT TONIGHT! BYE, HONEY!

HIYA, BILL! HERE WE ARE— AND HERE'S ALL THE STUFF!

WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH IT?

LET'S STICK IT BACK HERE OUT OF SIGHT ALONG WITH MY SUITCASE! THEN YOU FELLERS DO ME A FAVOR AND BEAT IT FOR THE TIME BEING! I WANT TO HANDLE THIS MYSELF!

AWW—OKAY, BUT I WISH WE COULD STICK AROUND AN' WATCH!









WHEN I HEARD THE NOISE,  
I CAME RUNNIN' AND MET  
A WHOLE BUNCH OF GUYS  
GOING OUT OF HERE!  
THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY TO  
THE LOCKUP IN A PADDY  
WAGON, AN' ANOTHER  
WAGON IS ON THE WAY  
HERE! WHO ARE  
THESE CHARACTERS  
OUT COLD ON THE  
FLOOR?

TOP GUYS  
IN A GAMBLING  
RING — IT'S  
QUITE A STORY!

WHAT  
ABOUT  
HIM,?  
DOC?

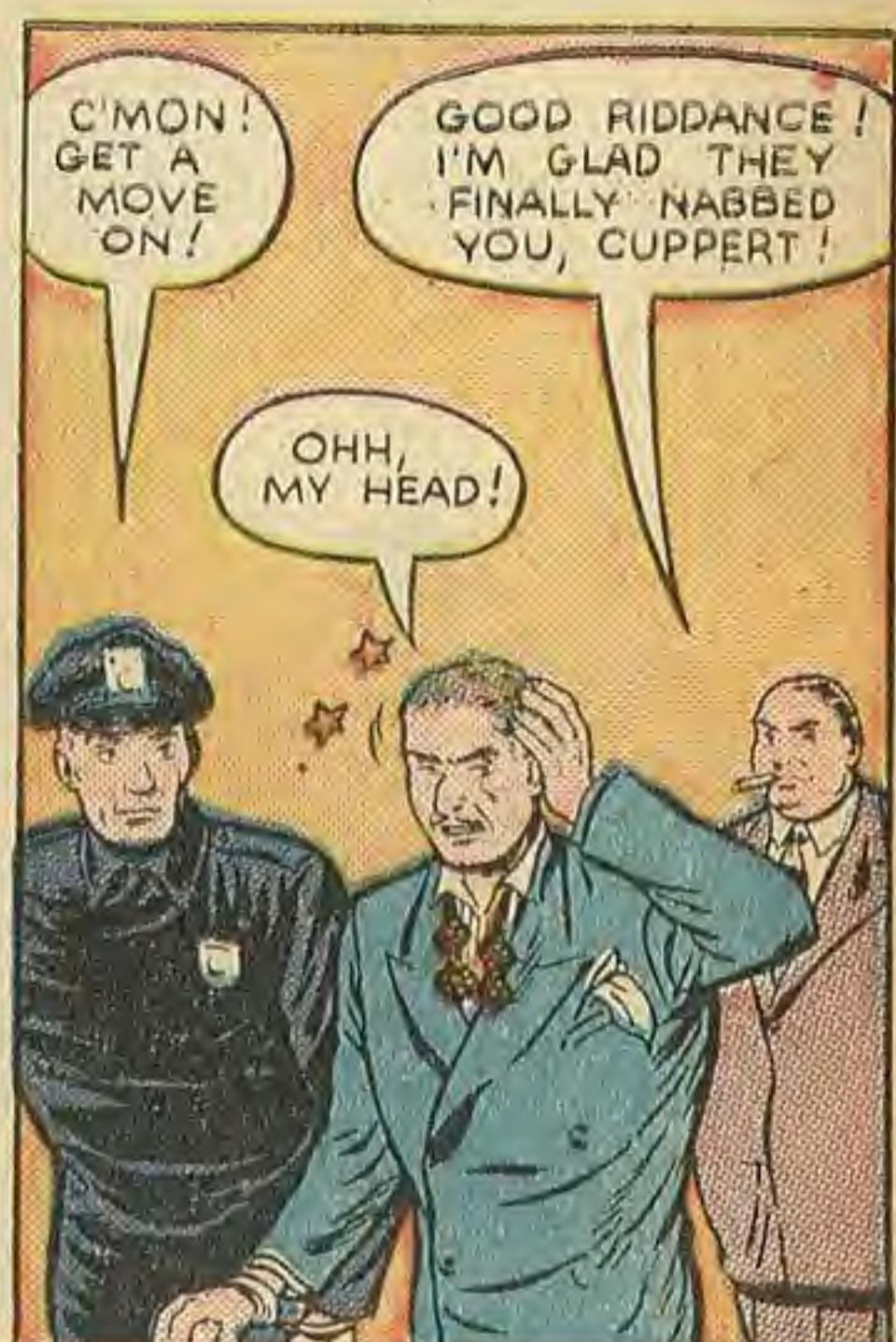
HE'S GOT QUITE A  
BUMP, BUT HE'LL BE  
OKAY! THERE'S AN  
AMBULANCE WAITING  
OUTSIDE!

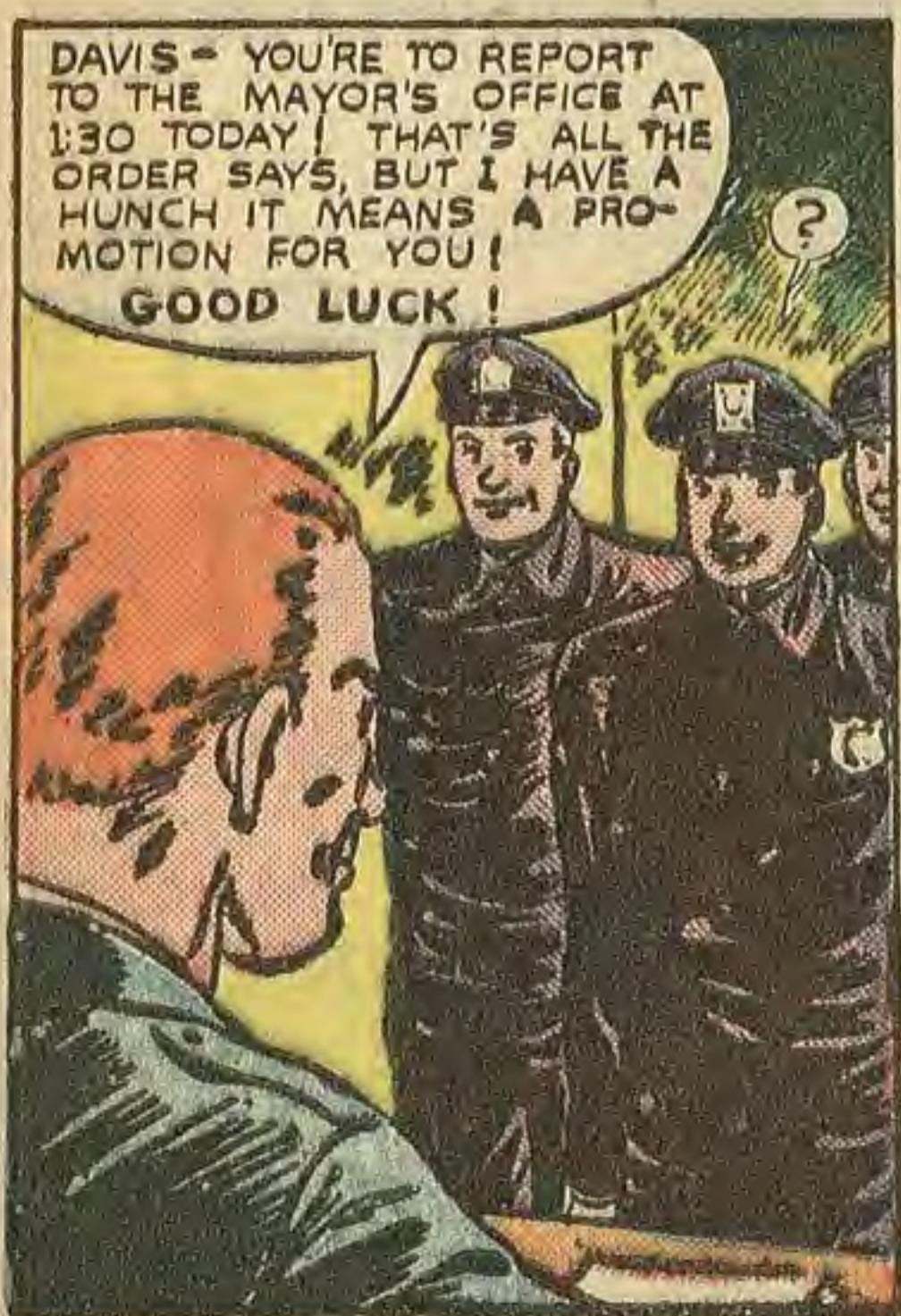
TAKE THE MEN  
TO THE PRISON  
HOSPITAL, DOC!  
WE'LL HELP YOU  
WITH THEM!

C'MON!  
GET A  
MOVE  
ON!

GOOD RIDDANCE!  
I'M GLAD THEY  
FINALLY NABBED  
YOU, CUPPERT!

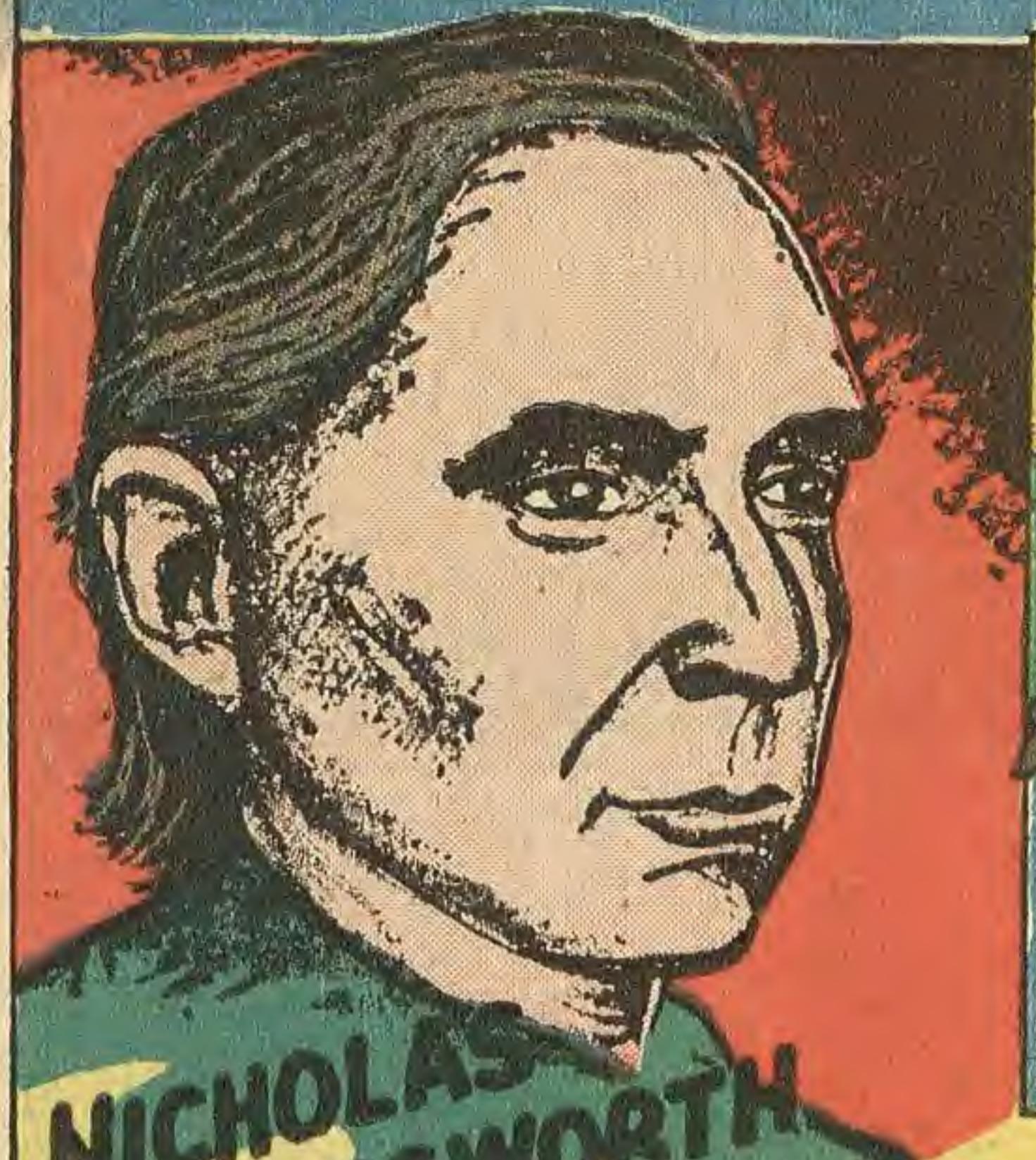
OH, MY HEAD!





# RAGS TO RICHES

by C.H. MOORE



NICHOLAS  
LONGWORTH

FROM SHOEMAKER'S HELPER TO MILLIONAIRE!

HE WAS BORN IN NEWARK, New Jersey - WHEN HE WAS 21 YEARS OLD HE WENT TO CINCINNATI, OHIO TO STUDY LAW AND WAS SOON ADMITTED TO THE BAR! LONGWORTH INVESTED EVERY PENNY HE MADE BUYING LAND AT \$10<sup>00</sup> AN ACRE - THE TOWN GREW AND HE REALIZED TREMENDOUS PROFITS ON THE SALE OF THIS LAND - AFTER 16 YEARS HE RETIRED FROM LAW PRACTICE AND STARTED EXPERIMENTING WITH THE GROWING OF GRAPES IN THE OHIO VALLEY AND TO ENCOURAGE OTHER FARMERS TO GROW GRAPES THERE HE OFFERED TO

BUY ALL THE GRAPE JUICE THEY COULD PRODUCE AT A LIBERAL PRICE - IT COST HIM A VAST SUM OF MONEY BUT EVENTUALLY BECAME A PROFIT-MAKING INDUSTRY!

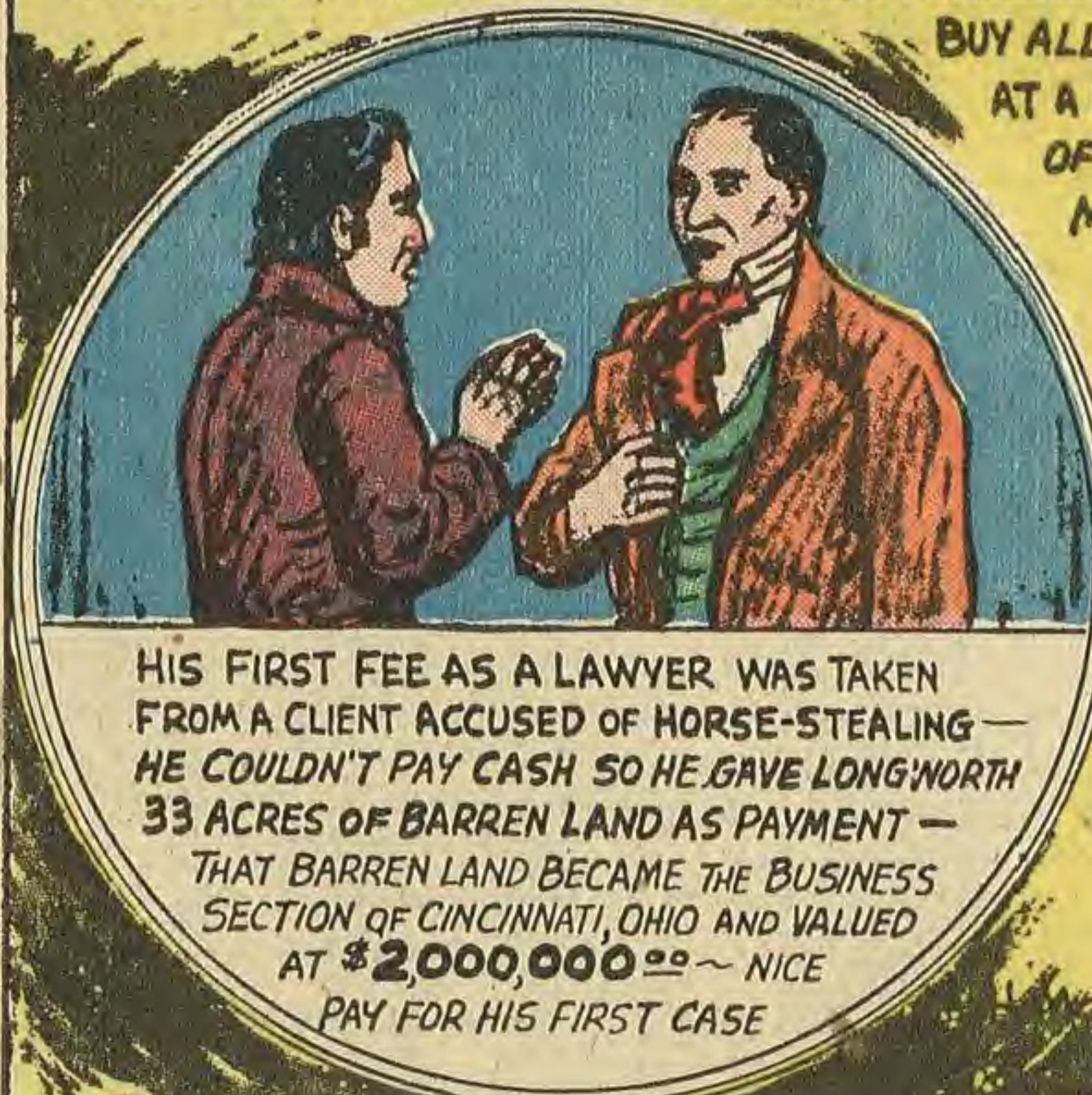
HE WAS OFTEN MISTAKEN FOR A TRAMP BECAUSE OF THE WAY HE DRESSED!

HE NEVER FORGOT THAT HE WAS ONCE POOR AND WAS ALWAYS HELPING THOSE IN NEED - HE DIED AT THE AGE OF 81, LEAVING \$15,000,000<sup>00</sup>

HIS FIRST FEE AS A LAWYER WAS TAKEN FROM A CLIENT ACCUSED OF HORSE-STEALING - HE COULDN'T PAY CASH SO HE GAVE LONGWORTH 33 ACRES OF BARREN LAND AS PAYMENT - THAT BARREN LAND BECAME THE BUSINESS SECTION OF CINCINNATI, OHIO AND VALUED AT \$2,000,000<sup>00</sup> ~ NICE PAY FOR HIS FIRST CASE



WHEN HE WAS A BOY HE WAS AN APPRENTICE TO A SHOEMAKER - THEN HE MOVED TO SOUTH CAROLINA AND WORKED AS A CLERK IN A STORE, SAVING HIS MONEY SO THAT HE COULD STUDY LAW!



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A screen star's face is her fortune. That's why she makes it her business to protect her complexion against pimples, blackheads and blemishes. Your face is no different. Give it the Double Treatment it needs and watch those skin blemishes go away.

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Medical science gives us the truth about how skin blemishes usually develop. There are small specks of dust and dirt in the air all the time. When these get into the open pores in your skin, they can in time "stretch" the pores and make them large enough to pocket dirt particles, dust and infection. These open pores become infected and bring you the humiliation of pimples, blackheads or other blemishes. Often, the natural oils that lubricate your skin will harden in the pores and result in unsightly blemishes.

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Just mail your name and address to Betty Memphis, care of the New York Skin Laboratory, 206 Division Street, Dept. II, New York 2, N. Y. By return mail you will receive the doctor's directions, and both



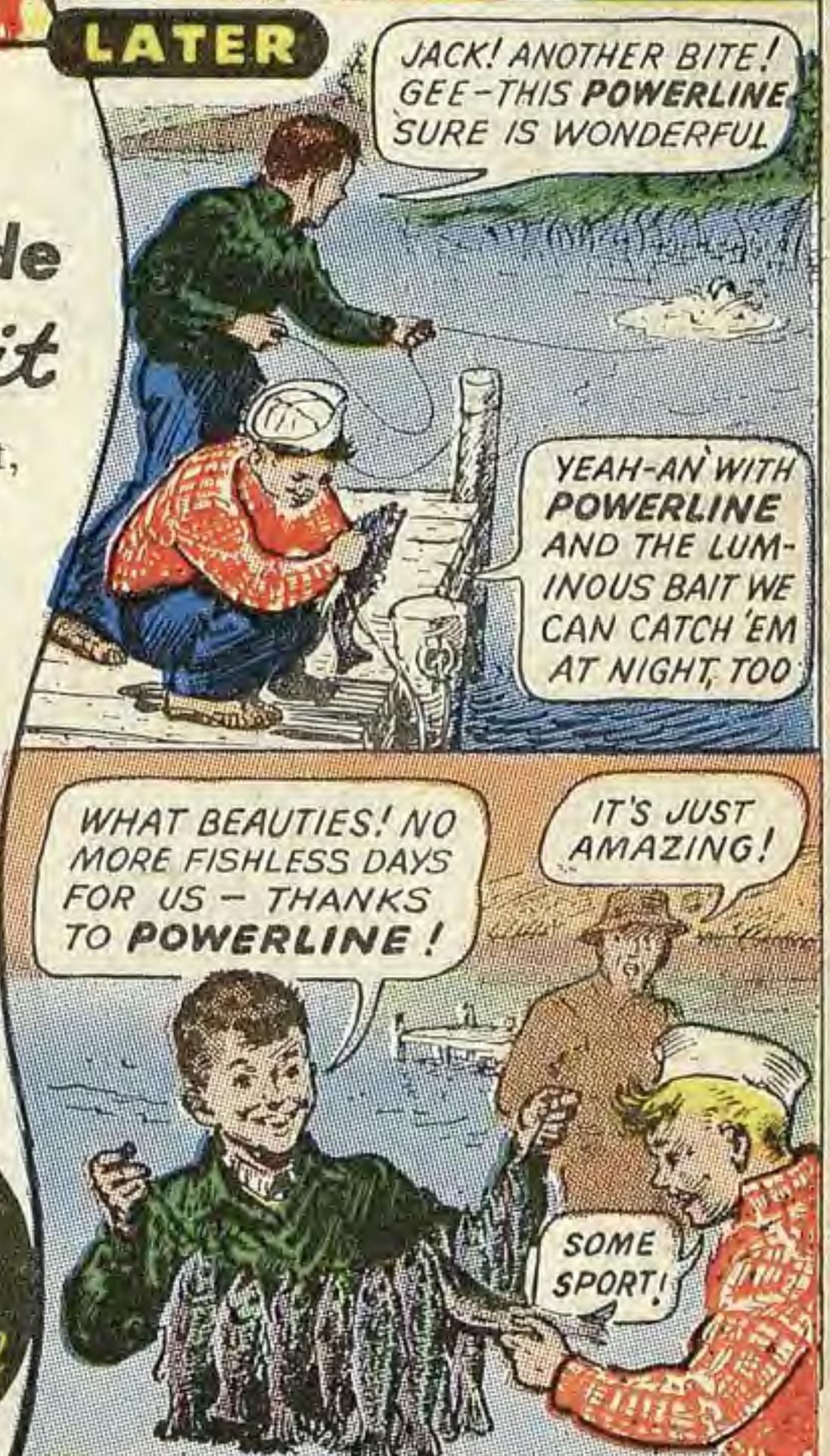
jars, packed in a safety-sealed carton. On delivery, pay two dollars plus postage. If you wish, you can save the postage fee by mailing the two dollars with your letter. Then, if you are in any way dissatisfied, your money will be cheerfully refunded. To give you an idea of how fully tested and proven the Viderm Double Treatment is, it may interest you to know that, up to this month, over two hundred and thirty-one thousand women have ordered it on my recommendation. If you could only see the thousands of happy, grateful letters that have come to me as a result, you would know the joy this simple treatment can bring. And, think of it!—the treatment must work for you, or it doesn't cost you a cent.

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